

Comment of the day

MARRIAGE MAZE

AFTER much prodding in recent years, Government has now decided to make laws to end or remove injustices or anomalies arising out of the confusion of laws, customs or practices with which most Chinese marriages are conducted in present-day Hongkong. The statement just quoted is Government's apposite and concise description of the problem. Unfortunately there is no simple solution.

Customs dating back to before the founding of Hongkong survive to this day together with those based on laws instituted during the Nationalist regime in China, and more recently by the Communists. In addition there is the de facto "marriage" of two people who have established their entitlement to this status by prolonged cohabitation. And a further aggravation is the concubine system.

THE problem is briefly this: to institute a form of valid marriage for all without interfering with ceremonies that the individual chooses to associate with it; to backdate the validity of marriages which have been so far carried out only according to customs; to provide protection for wives whose husbands take concubines; to restrict and completely abolish the concubine system and in the meantime to provide safeguards for concubines and maintenance for their children.

Those who have read this lucid report will have realised that Government can attempt "no violent and impractical uprooting at one blow of age-old traditions." At times the report appears excessively cautious but this is understandable. There is here a problem that has assumed the proportions of a maze the paths of which are liberally pitted with potholes and ditches. The tentative recommendations seek only to fill up the cavities before attempting to sort out the maze.

THE report is an unpleasant reminder of the way an important social question has been allowed to drift over the years. And it is to Government's credit that it is now grasping this formidable nettle. There is a long and difficult job ahead to popularise registry marriages in Hongkong and while marriage should entail the same obligations and recognition of responsibilities for all members of the community it would be damaging to overthrow overnight customs and practices that have been tolerated and indeed accepted from the time of Hongkong's foundation.

What Government has done now is to publish a 23-page report which includes suggested recommendations, and offer it for public comment. The strong point of the report is that it does not seek the intolerant abolition of all but registry or religious marriages, but instead aims to make existing forms of marriage conformable to and valid in law. This is as it should be. A definite time limit for this process is however needed. There is no question of rushing, but Government should make its intentions known clearly and soon.

Two men rescued after being trapped in hull CAPSIZED DREDGER DRAMA

Holes cut in side Six-hour ordeal over

Two men who spent six hours trapped in an air-filled compartment on an overturned dredger in Hongkong harbour were rescued this morning after they tapped out messages to rescuers indicating they were alive and well.

They were rescued when holes were cut in the side of the partially submerged dredger. This was the latest part of the operation because Fire Brigade officers feared there would not be time enough to get the men out before the dredger sank after the escape of air.

Before the holes were cut in the dredger's side, the fire float Alexander Grantham and two lighters were moored alongside the dredger.

The Fire Brigade had to pump oxygen into the compartment to keep the men alive. The first man was brought ashore in a stretcher. And the second one came ashore by boat.

Smeared

Although his clothes were soaking, his body black with grease and his face smeared with blood, he was talkative and in good spirits.

He refused the offer of a stretcher on reaching shore.

He climbed the railings on the sea front of Tin Chiu-street and then walked into the ambulance by himself.

He was sitting upright inside when the ambulance sped off. Both were taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

There were six adults and a child on board when the dredger capsized.

Four were rescued immediately including a boy who was seriously injured and a woman, who was slightly injured.

Before going to press it could not be ascertained whether these people were trapped in the dredger or were picked up from the sea.

There is also a report that a body has been picked up in the vicinity, but it is not known whether it has any connection with the overturned dredger.

Survey

Soon after the dredger capsized, rescue operations began for those trapped inside. Naval frogmen and Government divers made a preliminary survey and soon after they made contact with the trapped men who tapped on the side of their compartment.

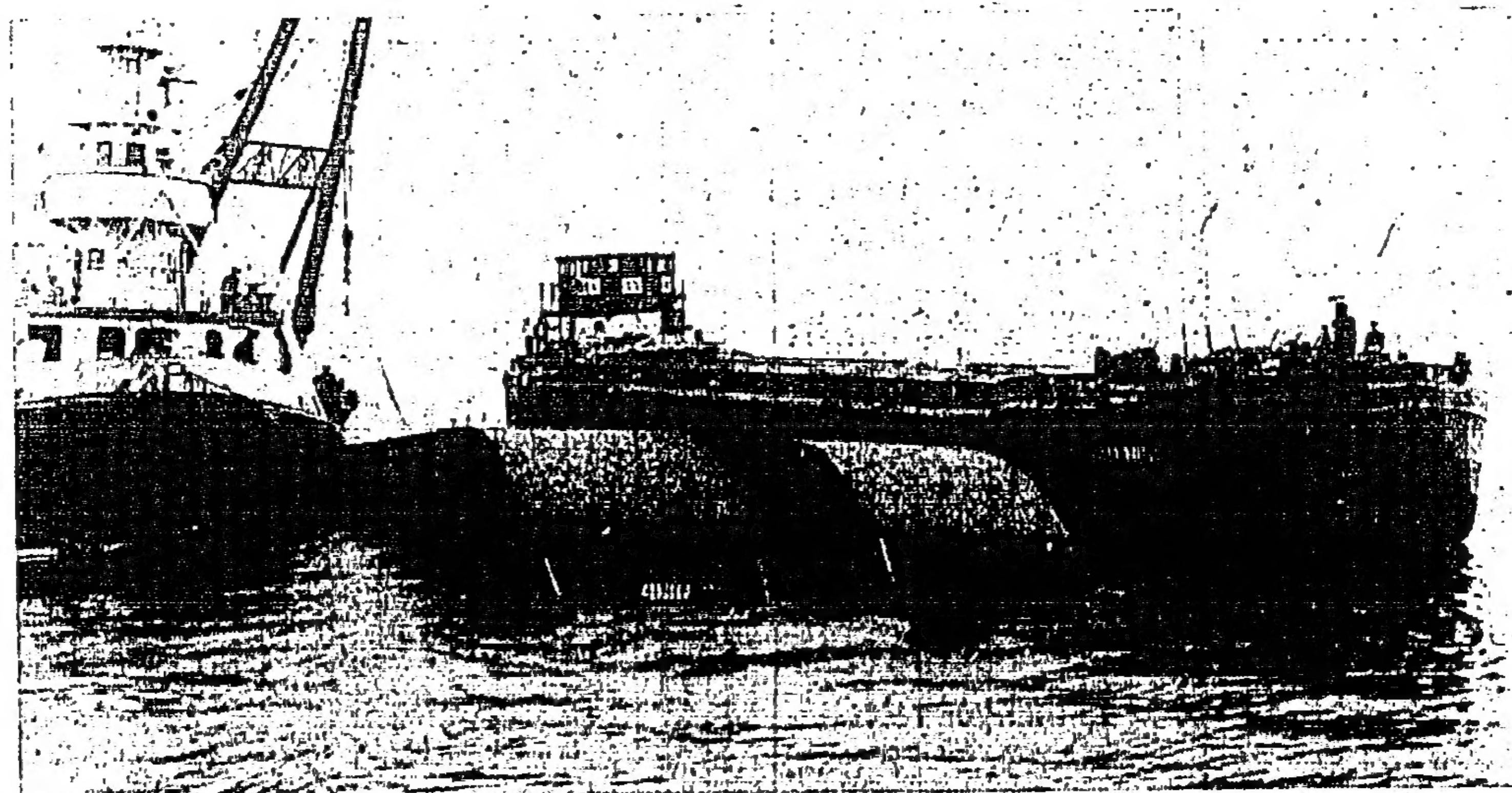
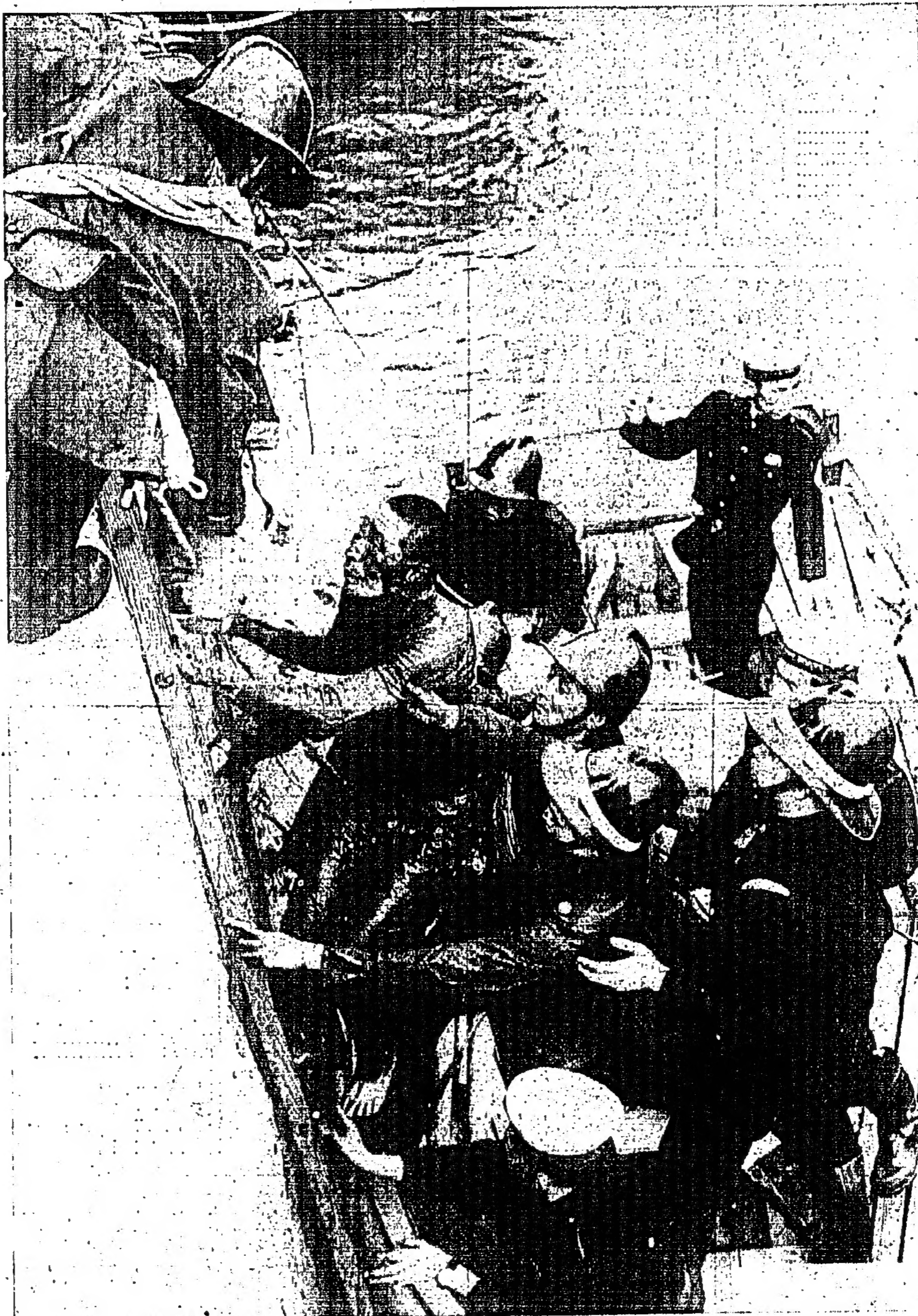
The underwater survey was completed and the second phase of the rescue operation began. It was found that the dredger was being kept afloat not only by air pressure but by its huge dredging arm which was resting on the seabed.

However the rescuers decided that as soon as the air escaped from the compartment, the dredger would heel over. Then began the race to extract the trapped men before the dredger sank.

Soon after the rescue was completed at 10.20 am the dredger was reported to have sunk.

How the dredger capsized in the first place is not known and is still under investigation.

The dredger belonged to Yau Wing Co Ltd and was working on the new North Point Vehicular Ferry pier about 50 yards off shore from Java-road housing estate. It had been there for three days.



TOP: One of the oil-covered men rescued from the capsized dredger this morning off North Point being assisted onto another vessel. Photographs by China Mail cameraman Henry Mok. See also P10.
BOTTOM: The overturned dredger between a barge and the fire float Alexander Grantham.

South Africa pushed out says Menzies

London, Mar. 20.

Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, said in London tonight that South Africa was "pushed out of the Commonwealth."

"If Dr Verwoerd had not gone when he did, I would have been surprised," he said at an Australia Club dinner.

Mr Menzies stated: "I am not Dr Verwoerd. I am not an apostle of apartheid—although I have my own immigration policy—but I am bound to say that in his place I would have left certainly not later than he did."

Mr Menzies, who spoke for more than 45 minutes, said that the departure of South Africa—a foundation member—from the Commonwealth had been one of the most dramatic events in its history.

Accused

"I don't agree with her policy," Mr Menzies added, "but the great problem we have to confront is, because you don't agree with the policy of a member you push her out of the Commonwealth."

"Those two things ought to be kept completely distinct. Dr Verwoerd has been accused, sometimes by people who speak in the name of Christianity, of something almost approximating to the bitterness of murder. I want to tell you that I form the impression, never having met him before, that he was a man of intense integrity and great courtesy."

Mr Menzies said he did not moralise about South African policy. He thought moralising was a "pretty cheap thing."

"All I'm saying is that I don't think it will work," he stated.

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Cuban demand for plane rejected

London, Mar. 20.

Britain has rejected Cuba's demand for the surrender of an aircraft and its nine-man crew accused of airlifting arms to Cuba's rebels, British officials reported today.

A note from Premier Fidel Castro's Government two weeks ago charged that the aircraft—identified as a DC—had been shot down by Cuban air defence guns and forced to crash land in Jamaica.

In answering the Cuban demand the British Government advised the Cubans that most of the nine members of the plane's crew already had left Jamaica.

The British also were understood to have indicated that the Jamaican authorities had conveyed no evidence to suggest that the plane was involved in any illegal activities. Accordingly the Cuban demands for the surrender both of the aircraft and its crew to face "revolutionary justice" rejected.

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Cuban soldier shoots Frenchman 'by mistake'

Havana, Mar. 20.

A Cuban soldier shot and critically wounded a French electrical engineer claiming he mistook the misfiring of the engineer's car for the sound of gunfire.

Reported near death in Havana emergency hospital today with three bullet wounds was Marc H. Sciard, 39, of the Paris electric firm CGI.

Moslem girl killed

Algiers, Mar. 20. A Moslem girl was killed and three other Moslems injured today when a demonstration exploded into a riot in this port city of Mostaganem between Algiers and Oran.

Details of the riots were not immediately known.

STONED

The mob stoned European cars and police used tear gas bombs to disperse it.

The trouble started when Moslems staged a march to police headquarters. Police arrested 30 of the demonstrators, but later released them.—UPI.

Cairo trying to force arms through Sudan

London, Mar. 20. Diplomatic informants reported tonight the Sudan is under continuing pressure by the United Arab Republic to allow the passage of arms and other military supplies to the Congo.

But Sudanese Premier Ibrahim Abboud has refused Cairo's requests and intends to go on banning the use of his territory for gun running.

Informants said this information has been conveyed to the Foreign Secretary, Lord Home, by the Chief of Staff of the Sudanese army, General Hassan Bashir Nasr, who is on an official visit here.

General Nasr talked with Lord Home last week and will be seeing the Lord Privy Seal,

Mr Edward Heath, at the Foreign Office on Tuesday. Gen. Nasr also will be holding a news conference at the Sudanese Embassy on Tuesday. Informants said Lord Home expressed the British Government's support and appreciation of the Sudanese stand.

The assumption in London for some time has been that the UAR—liberally equipped with Soviet weapons and supplies of all kinds—would like to establish a pipeline to the leftist-neutralist ruler of Stanleyville province, Antoine Gizenga.

Mr Gizenga claims to be the rightful successor of slain Congolese Premier Patrice Lumumba. He is recognised by the UAR and the Soviet Union.—AP.

TEXAS TOWER DISASTER Officers charged with dereliction of duty

Washington, Mar. 20.

The U.S. Air Force filed charges of dereliction of duty today against three officers involved in the Texas tower disaster which cost 28 lives off New York on January 15.

After investigations, the men may be tried by court martial or some other disposition may be made of the charges, an Air Force spokesman announced.

The Texas tower, a radar station in the Atlantic, collapsed in high seas taking the lives of 14 airmen and 14 civilians. Charges were preferred by Major General Henry Viscellio, commander of the 26th Air Division at Hancock Field, Syracuse, N.Y., against:

Acting commander

Colonel William M. Banks, who was acting commander of the Boston Air Defence Sector, Stewart Air Force Base, Newburgh, New York, at the time of the accident. He was charged with "culpable negligence" and "with derelictions in the performance of his duties during the time in question."

Major William R. Sheppard, commander of the 4604th Support Squadron, Otis Air Force Base, Falmouth, Massachusetts, charged with dereliction.

Major Reginald L. Stark, acting commander of the 4604th Support Squadron during the "critical period prior to the loss of the tower."

Sheppard and Stark both were charged with "dereliction in the performance of their duties."

The announcement of the charges was made here and at headquarters of the Air Defence Command at Colorado Springs, Colorado, following completion of an "initial investigation" of the accident.

Not explicit

The Air Force was not explicit about the derelictions charged. It simply said charges had been preferred against the officers "involving the manner in which they performed their duties during the period immediately prior to the disaster."—UPI.

TRIAL OF LONDON VICAR

Dr Thomas claims Mrs Brandy was 'running after' him

London, Mar. 20.

Dr William Bryn Thomas, 62-year-old London vicar accused at an ecclesiastical court here of adultery with a Sunday school teacher and indecent assaults, said today he had suspected that the woman, Mrs Elsie Brandy, was "out to attract men."

He claimed she was "running after" him. Mrs Brandy, 40, had alleged in earlier evidence that Dr Thomas had had intercourse with her "75 to 80 times" in his study, in his bedroom and in a car. Dr Thomas denied this and other charges alleging indecent assaults on Mrs Elizabeth Neely, wife of his curate, and two girls aged 13 and 14.

The Anglican vicar alleged the charges were the result of a "conspiracy" between five people in his parish including the curate and Mrs Brandy, whom he claimed to have caught committing adultery together.

Dr Thomas, bespectacled and with thinning hair, today spent his seventh hour in the witness box, answering charges brought by his Bishop, Dr Mervyn Stockwood of Southwark.

"PRETENCES" He said Mrs Brandy had telephoned him "on various pretences."

"I felt in my heart of hearts even in those days that they were pretences," he added. When prosecuting counsel asked him "She was running after you?" Dr Thomas replied "yes."

He said Mrs Brandy and Mrs Doris Paget—a woman whom he alleged to be in the "conspiracy"—"habitually" nobbed towards the boy scout shed at his church saying: "It was a convenient place."

Dr Thomas, a Doctor of Philosophy, said he bore no animosity towards his curate. Mr George Neely was "always busy" when he wished to speak to him about his (Mr Neely's) "compromising" behaviour with Mrs Brandy on the back seat of a car.

He added "I could not feel cheerful when I had caught the man in a compromising position he being a married man, with one of my Sunday school teachers."

When asked "Do you really want it to be believed that in spite of that you could not get him to come and see you?" Mr Thomas replied "I could not."

Dr Thomas left the witness box after ten and three-quarter hours of questioning, spread over three days. His final words were: "I am innocent, sir."

His wife, Mrs Mary Thomas, followed him into the witness box.—Reuters.

'South Africa was pushed out'

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"Nothing was more impressive to all of us in the conference than the way in which Dr Verwoerd, with obvious honesty, great candour and great lucidity explained his policy. He believes that all this would work out very nicely. I speak with great reluctance but I don't think it will. The more his policy succeeds the more he raises the bar up to the more intolerable will they find it to be second class citizens."

"The ultimate conflict will be bloody and devastating. Dr Verwoerd is familiar with my views on this matter. If he goes back to his own country and says I am unconvinced by that then I want to tell you I stand for the right of any Commonwealth country to run its affairs in its own way."

Mr Menzies asked, "Why cannot we disagree with South Africa's policy, that pushing South Africa out? And believe me she was pushed out. If Dr Verwoerd had not gone when he did I would have been surprised."

Delighted

Mr Menzies said he and Mr Macmillan "worked like horses" to develop a communique which would expose the criticism of the other members of the Commonwealth and yet make it possible to allow South Africa to remain a member. When he heard that Dr Verwoerd had agreed he was delighted.

Mr Menzies said there had been some "awful rubbish" in the newspapers to the effect that Mr Macmillan pushed Dr Verwoerd out. No one worked harder than Mr Macmillan and Mr Duncan Sandys to find a formula.

"I must tell you in view of all the propaganda that has been going on that five people got up and made it completely clear that they would not have this," said Mr Menzies.

"They said 'You can have the statement' but they would not have South Africa and said that every convenient or inconvenient opportunity would be taken to attack her."

"I am not Dr Verwoerd. I am not an apostle of the apartheid, although I have my own immigration policy—but I am bound to say that in his place I would have left certainly not later than he did."

Great vision

Mr Menzies asked, "Has it happened strengthened the Commonwealth? The answer to that question depends on whether you think our modern association depends on tolerance, kindness and understanding and the long view or upon the popular passions and denunciation."

"Never until this year have we seen judgement on each other," Mr Menzies said. "In this meeting they had had 'the rhetoric and broad sweeping statements' one would expect in the United Nations but not in the British Commonwealth."

During his speech Mr Menzies referred often to his faith in the Commonwealth and at the end the guests gave him a standing ovation when he declared:

Applause

"Since my earliest days I have had great vision of what the Commonwealth will stand for. I would hate to see that this is blurred."

"We now have to adopt the rule that when we meet we are on trial. Next time it may be Australia," Mr Menzies said. "I would not tolerate having these things (Australia's policies) discussed by other people. I would not tolerate being lectured by other people," he said to prolonged applause.—Reuters.

Salvation Army leader dies

Paisley, Mar. 20.

Commissioner Norman Douglas, Chief of Staff of the Salvation Army, died here today. He was 58.

He was second in command of the Salvation Army throughout the world. A resident of Bromley, England, he was making his first visit to Scotland since his appointment six months ago.

He was addressing a meeting in the Cotton-street chapel here yesterday when he collapsed. He was taken to the Paisley infirmary, where he died.—UPI.

London, Mar. 20. Britain considers that August 1 would be a satisfactory date for the resumption of East-West disarmament negotiations provided the Soviet government agrees, Mr Edwin Heath, Deputy Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons today, in reply to a question.

He added that the government recognised no disarmament agreement would be "ultimately entirely" satisfactory unless the Chinese government in Peking were associated with it.—Reuters.

£32,000 damages for disfigured woman

Sydney, Mar. 20.

A woman who suffered serious facial disfigurement in a car accident was awarded £32,400 damages by a Supreme Court jury today.

She is Venetta Thelma Coulter, 50, of Newtown, an inner suburb. A doctor described her injuries as the worst he had seen.

He said they reminded him of a soldier who had been struck by an anti-tank shell.

The award was against Kevin Shepherd of Enmore, a western suburb.

Mrs Coulter was a passenger in a car driven by Shepherd when it came into collision with a semi-trailer in November 1953. She was thrown through the windscreen of the car.

Mr Olive Evans, QC, said her face was nearly sheered off, and she had lost her left eye.

When bandages were removed from her face, after plastic surgery, in which bones from her hip were used, she was so horrified, she could not believe the face was hers, Mr Evans said. Her sense of taste and smell also had been impaired.—China Mail Special.

Small nations should take lead in reducing arms

Berkeley, Calif., Mar. 20.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk suggested today that some small nations take the lead in disarmament without waiting for the big powers to reach an arms-reduction agreement.

Mr Rusk applied the suggestion to countries "at some distance from the great centres of military power"—presumably excluding countries bordering the Communist empire.

"We should not suppose that the problem of disarmament is limited to the great powers or to the Western Hemisphere," Mr Rusk said in an address at the University of California.

"The burden of arms can fall upon all nations, large and small, but while the so-called great powers are exploring the possibilities of arms reductions, other nations may find that they, too, can review their situation and make a useful contribution."

He recalled that President Kennedy had endorsed the suggestion of Latin-American leaders that "the time has come to take the first steps towards sensible limitations of arms."

Advantage

"There may be other nations," he said, "at some distance from the great centres of military power, who may find it to their advantage to undertake agreements among themselves to limit their arms to internal security purposes."

"Such agreements," Mr Rusk said, "would help to prevent a diversion of resources sorely needed for economic and social development and would, in addition, make it less likely that they would be drawn into the larger arms race which we are trying to end."

Mr Rusk also suggested creation of a permanent United Nations force which could move in to restore peace wherever a crisis arises.

Pointing up the need for this, he cited incidents in

which several countries withdrew their troops from the UN command in the Congo.

He chided Russia, without naming her, for not contributing to the cost of UN operations in the Congo.

"The effort cannot succeed," she said, "unless member governments put aside their particular views and provide the resources properly levied by the General Assembly."

Mr Rusk said "unnecessary or pointless irritations" between the United States and Russia would be removed in the interests of calming the cold war.—UPI.

France Nuyen in car collision

Hollywood, Mar. 20.

Strip-teaser Beverly Hills, 22, was injured today when a car in which she was a passenger and one driven by actress Franco Nuyen, 21, collided at an intersection.

Miss Nuyen, driving home from a party at singer Frank Sinatra's house, was not injured. Traffic officers said the dancer was being driven home by her husband, William Powers, 24, from the nightclub where she worked when the collision occurred.

Police said Miss Hills was taken to a private hospital for treatment of an injury to her right leg.

Miss Nuyen, who lives in Beverly Hills, telephoned a friend, Actor Rod Taylor, and he drove her home after the collision.—AP.



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Recruiting drive in uniforms of 1755

York, Mar. 20.

The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Regiment is to turn back the clock 200 years next month in an attempt to persuade local minors to join the regiment.

Three soldiers—an officer, a sergeant and a bugler—dressed in the scarlet uniforms and wigs of their 1755 counterparts will tour the pit villages on horseback on their recruiting drive.

The officer of the trio—Captain Tony Hare, the adjutant of a depot of the regiment—told reporters:—

Novelty

"We are hoping that the novelty of it all will project our regiment to the young miners."

"Of course we will still use modern methods but this is by way of a change. We think it will boost recruiting this year."

This King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry Regiment has a reputation for successful recruiting. It claims that it has recruited more young regular soldiers—600 in two years—with its highpowered methods than any other infantry regiment in Britain.—China Mail Special.



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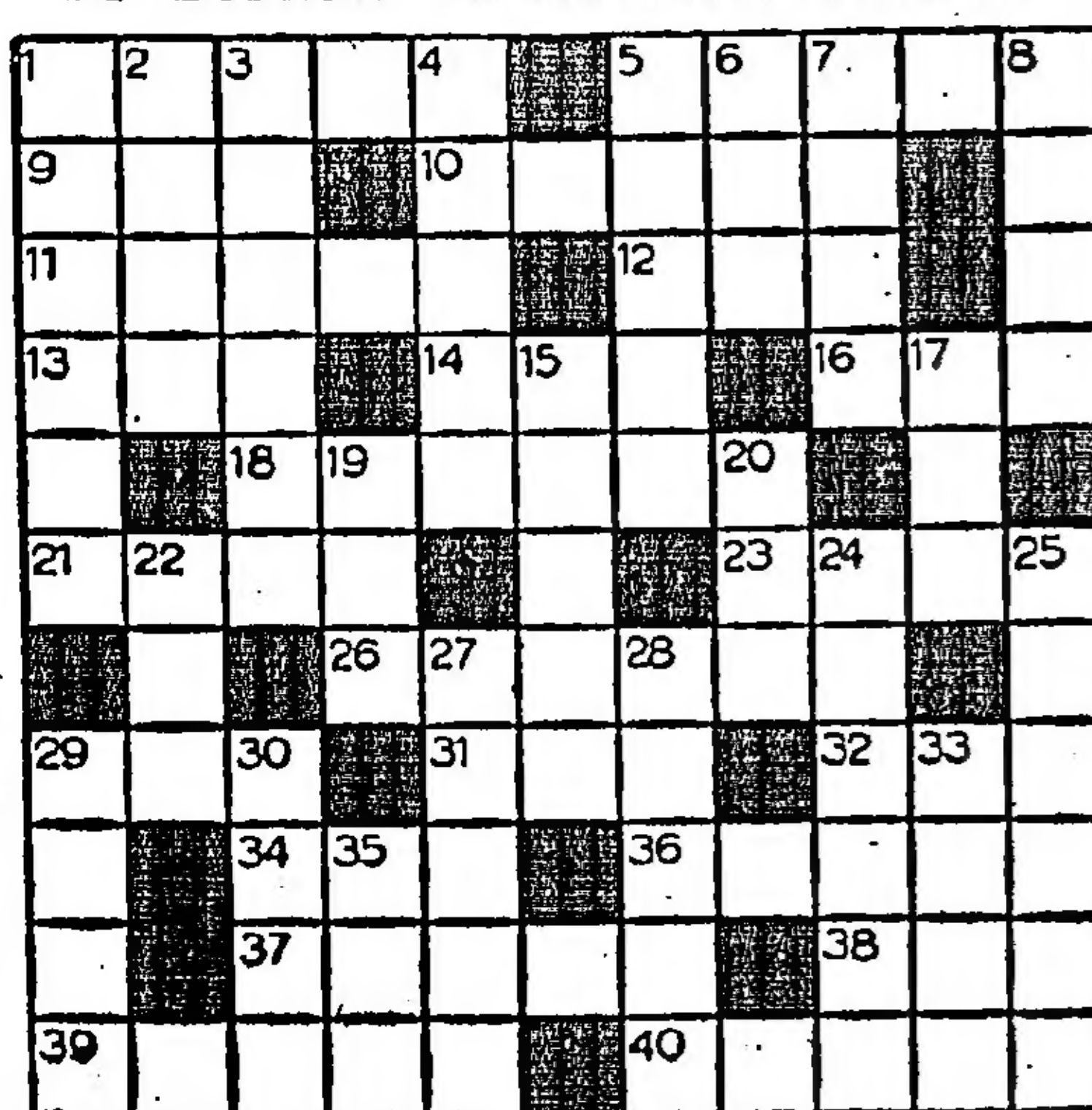
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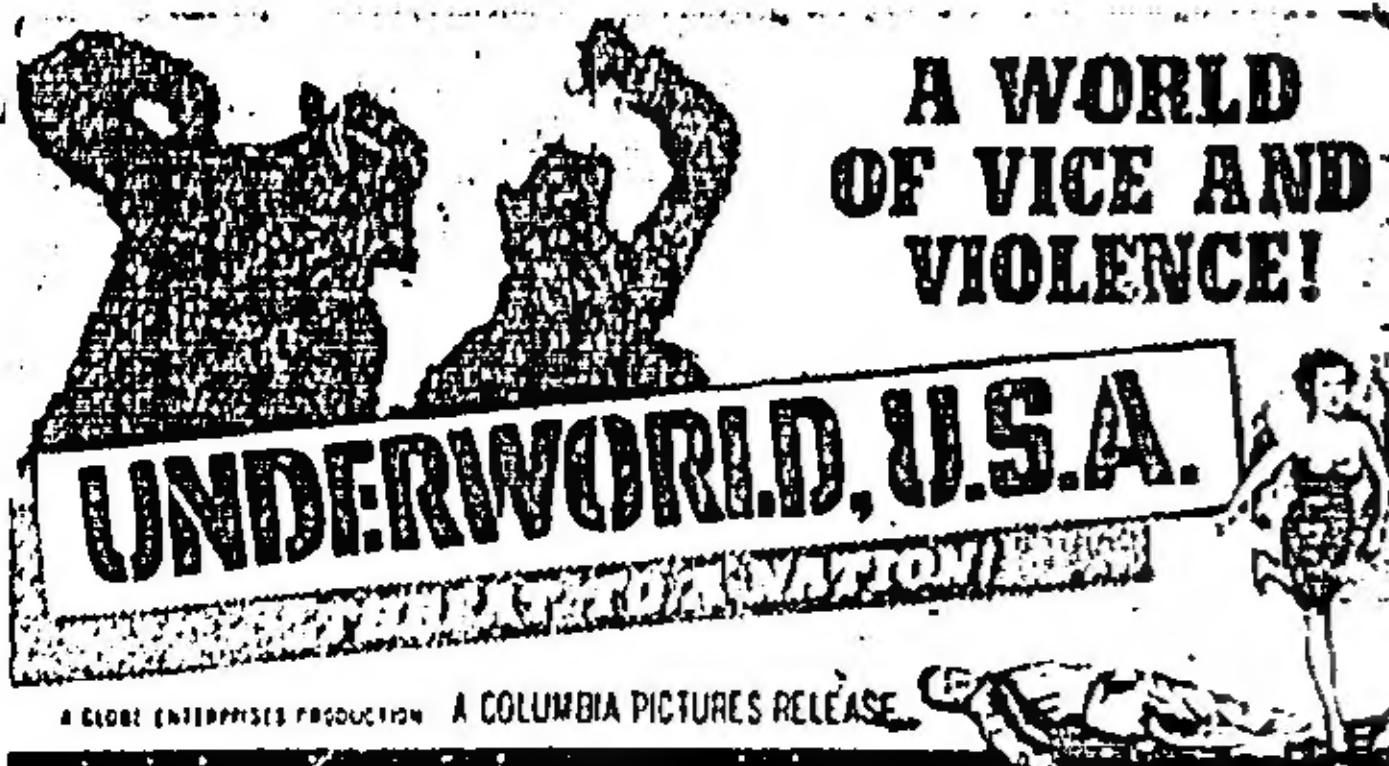
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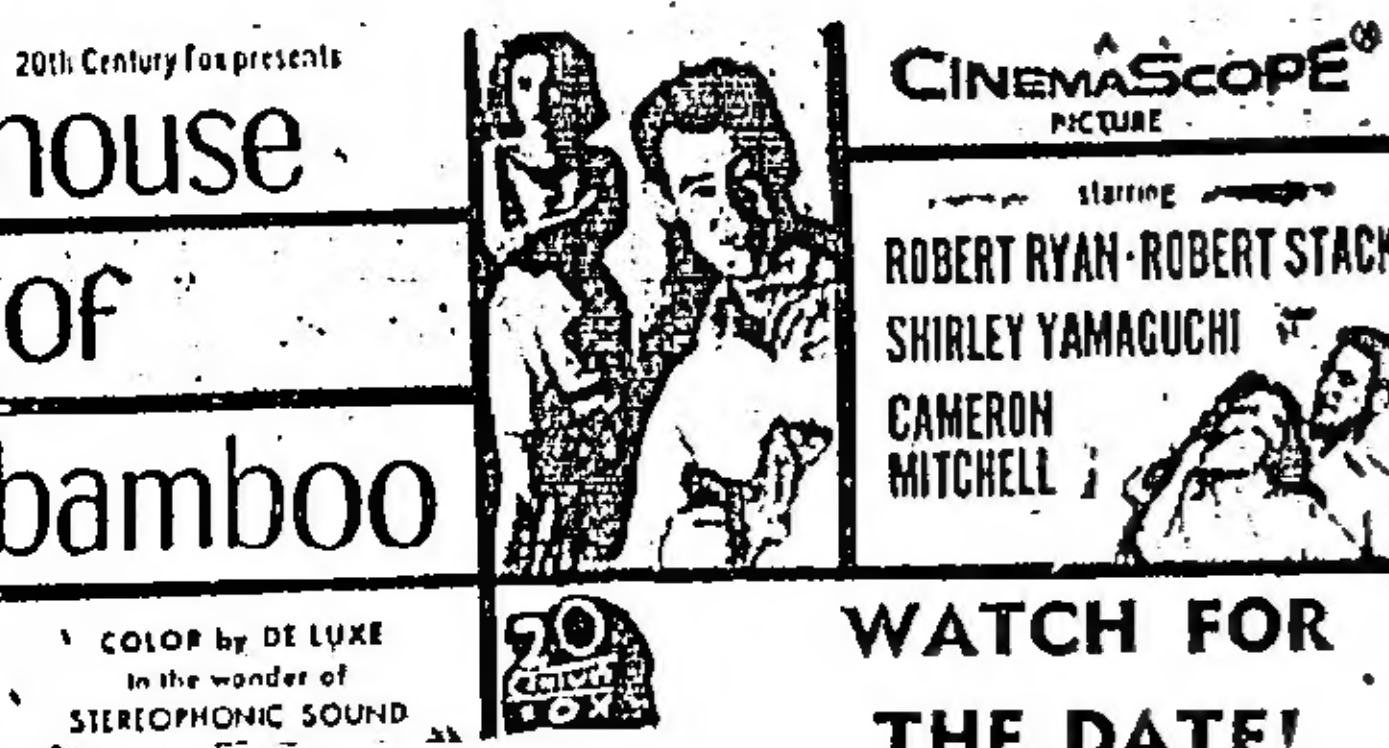
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SON BORN TO MRS CLARK GABLE

Hollywood, Mar. 20.
 Mrs. Clark Gable gave birth here today to an eight pound boy—posthumous son of actor Clark Gable who died in the same hospital four months ago.
 Mrs. Gable, 43, after the brief caesarean operation under a spinal anesthetic, cried "what a handsome boy" as the baby was held up for her to see.
 But she could not have her wish to give the baby "a kiss from a father who considers his birth the most important event of his life."
 The doctor who performed the operation at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital explained that he could not let Mrs. Gable kiss the baby as the operation was held under sterile conditions.
 He said the baby had an average amount of dark hair and unlike his father, average-sized ears, "he responded lustily when I spanked him," he added.
 Mother and Baby—which has not yet been named—are doing well.—Reuter.

'Crash' programme on science education called for

London, Mar. 21.
 The British Labour Party today called for a crash programme of science education in Britain aimed at increasing the output of scientists and engineers fourfold in 10 years.

A party pamphlet entitled "Science and the Future of Britain," published today, says the Minister of Science should be assisted by a full-time science and technical planning board which would help co-ordinate scientific policy.

This board would make a continuous survey of new trends and discoveries and ensure that they were taken up quickly, the pamphlet says. It adds that British industry neither does enough of its own research nor is quick to apply the discoveries of other nations.—Reuter.

Search for plane called off

London, Mar. 20.
 U.S. Air Force officials tonight called off the search for an American RB-66 plane missing since last Thursday night and officially listed the three crew members as "missing."

The plane disappeared in the North Sea while on a night reconnaissance mission from Alconbury Air Force Base, England.

Planes from the British, Netherlands, Danish and German Air Forces aided American Air Force planes in the 4-day search.—UPI.

Plans for Queen's visit to Italy

London, Mar. 20.
 Four members of the British Royal Household have left here to discuss arrangements in Rome for Queen Elizabeth's State Visit to Italy in May.

They are Air Commodore Sir Edward Fielden, Captain of the Queen's Flight, Rear Admiral Christopher Bon-Huour, Treasurer to the Duke of Edinburgh, Commander Richard Colville, the Queen's Press Secretary, and Lieutenant Colonel Martin Charteris, the Queen's Assistant Private Secretary.

They will return on Friday. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will land at Naples in the Royal Yacht Britannia on May 2.

After their State Visit finishes on May 5, they will visit the Pope and then pay private visits to Venice on May 6 and Florence on May 7 and 8.

They will return to Britain on May 9 after short official visits that day to Milan and Turin.—China Mail Special.

Walter Raleigh's descendant to be honoured at dinner

London, Mar. 20.
 A descendant of Sir Walter Raleigh will be honoured at a dinner here next Saturday to mark the famous explorer's introduction of tobacco to Europe 400 years ago.

Mother killed in smash

Six-month-old baby stranded in Australia

Sydney, Mar. 20.
 A six-month-old baby boy, whose mother was killed in Melbourne last week, was refused permission to fly from Sydney today to his grandparents in Holland.

Customs officers at Sydney Airport ruled that the baby could not leave Australia because he had no passport.

The baby's father, with two other children, is at sea on his way to Holland.

The mother was killed in a road smash the day after her husband sailed from Melbourne.

She and the baby intended rejoining her husband and the other children after they reached Holland.

Friends who cared for the baby, Robert Venn, in Melbourne after his mother's death, asked a Dutch family flying to Holland today from Sydney, to take the baby with them.

The family, told of the baby's plight, agreed to deliver him to his grandparents.

No passport

KLM Airline officials at the airport at first believed the boy was one of the family's children. Then they discovered the baby had no passport and was not covered by any of the family's passports.

After a hurried conference with customs officers, the family was told the baby could not leave Australia.

KLM officials were told that, without a passport, the baby would have been taken from the plane as it first set down outside Australia. The family decided it would have to leave the baby at the airport.

SOS

Plans have been made for the baby to be flown back to Melbourne late today with a KLM ground hostess, who has been "baby sitting" for Robert at the KLM terminal today.

An SOS went around the airport for a cot, which was promptly supplied by QANTAS officials.

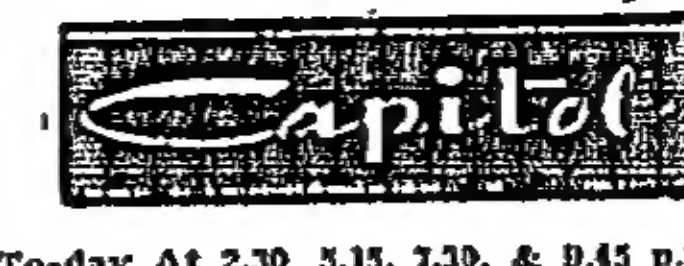
Robert since has been sleeping contentedly in the KLM office.

BRITISH MODELS FOR MOSCOW

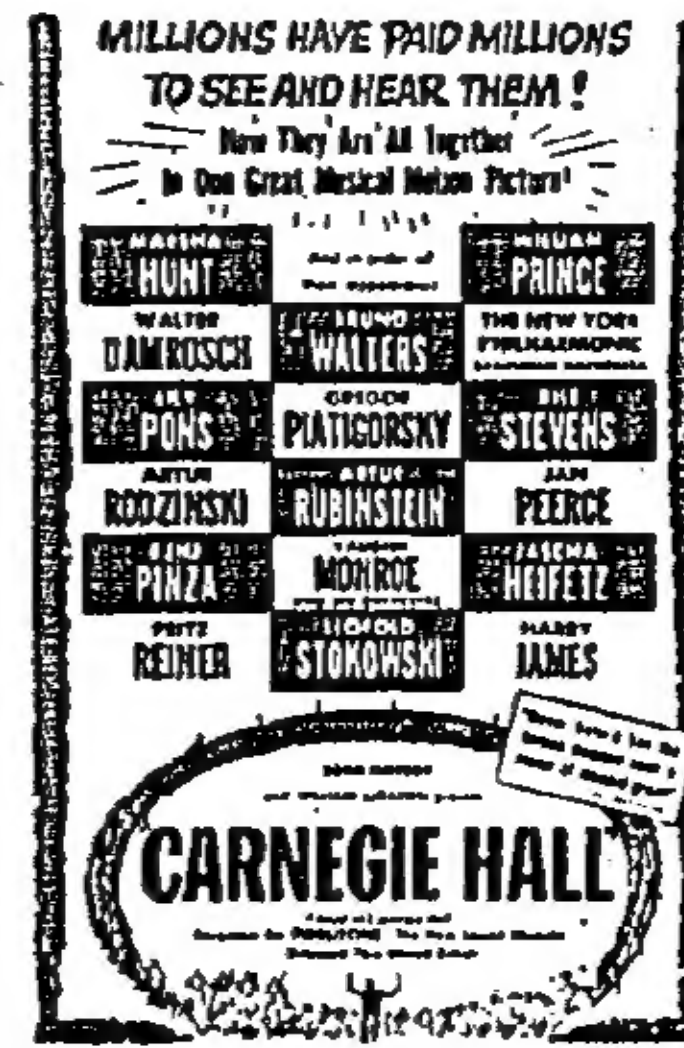
Moscow, Mar. 20.
 Three British models will fly to Moscow to show very-late dresses and work-clothes on May 16, three days before the big British Fair opens here.

Under an agreement concluded here between Imperial Chemical Industries Limited and the Soviet Trade Organisation the models—two girls and a man—will join eight Russian models in displaying 65 garments at a show in Moscow's House of Models.

Mr. E. Freeth, ICI Director of Exhibitions told reporters the show would end a day's similar on terylene for leaders of the Soviet Chemical Industry. The fashion show is intended to demonstrate the uses of terylene both on its own and blended with natural fibres.—China Mail Special.



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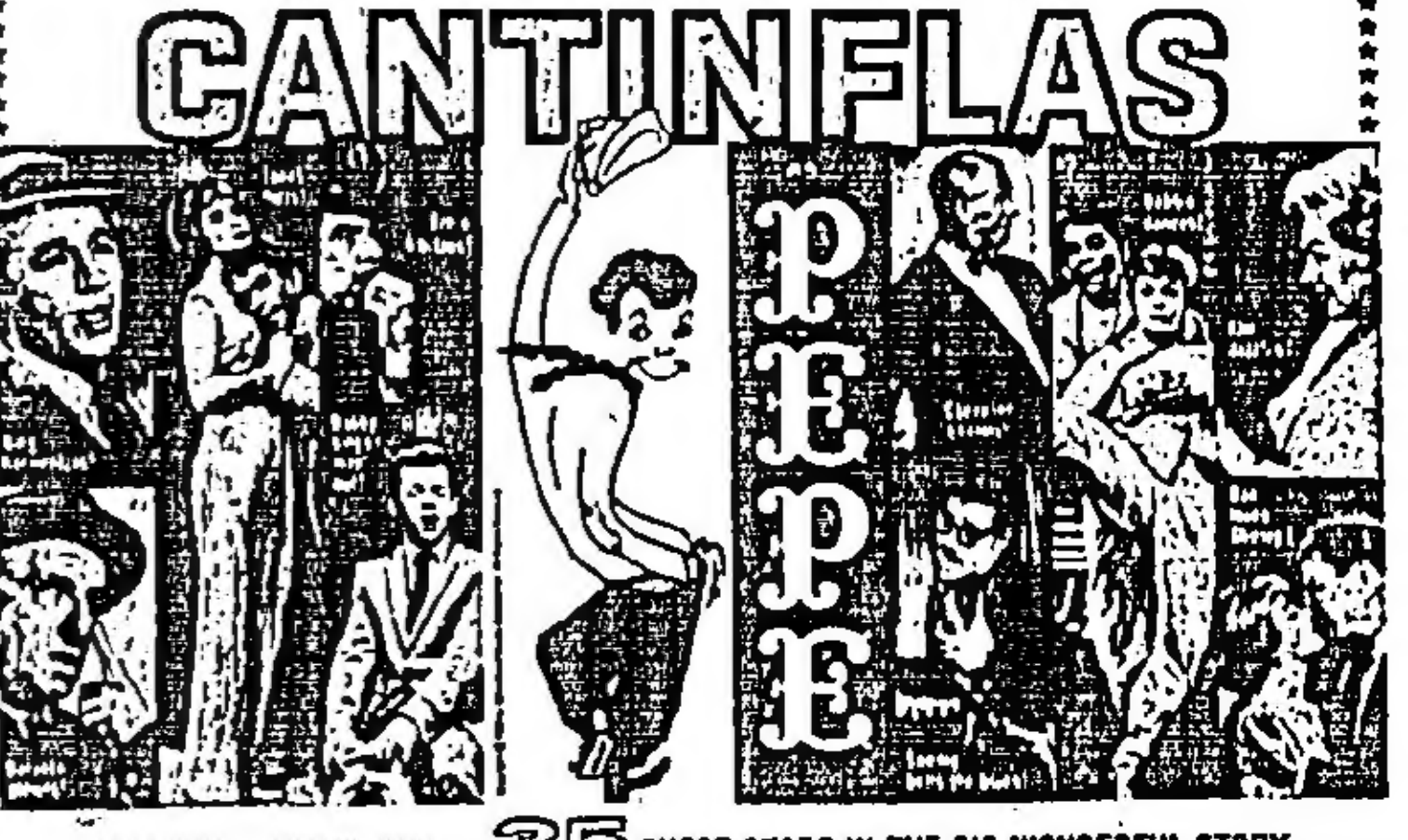
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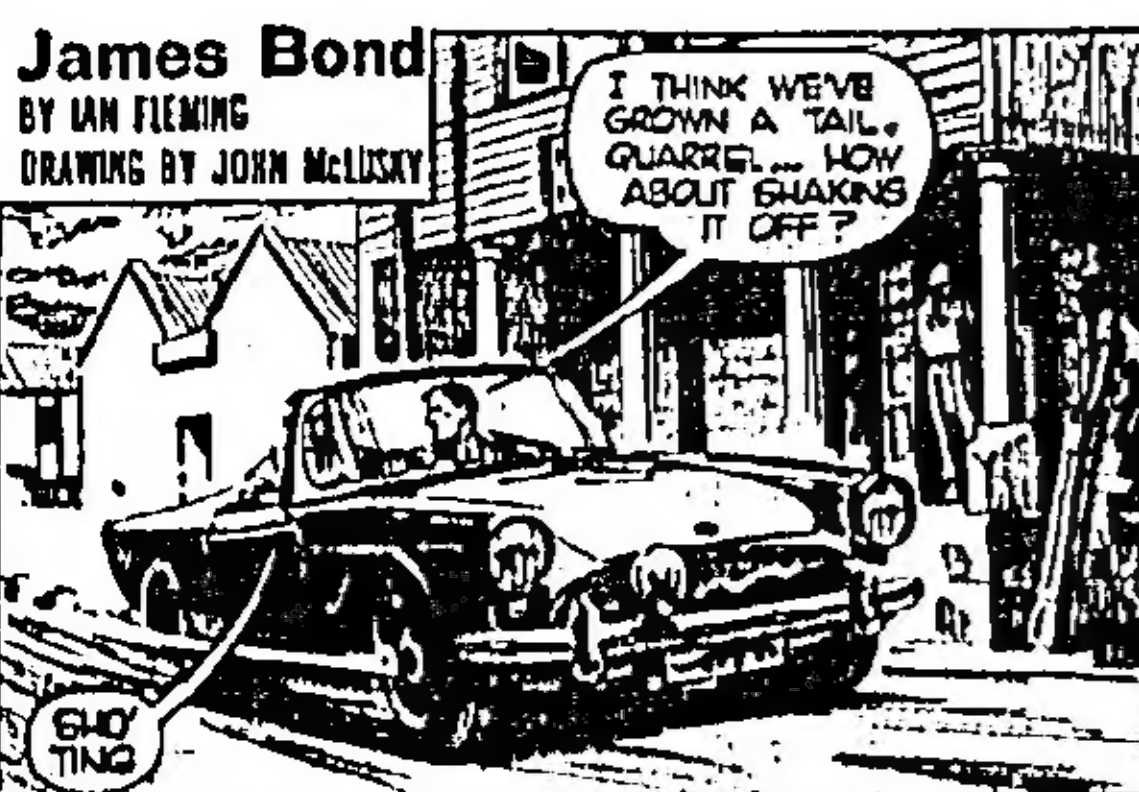
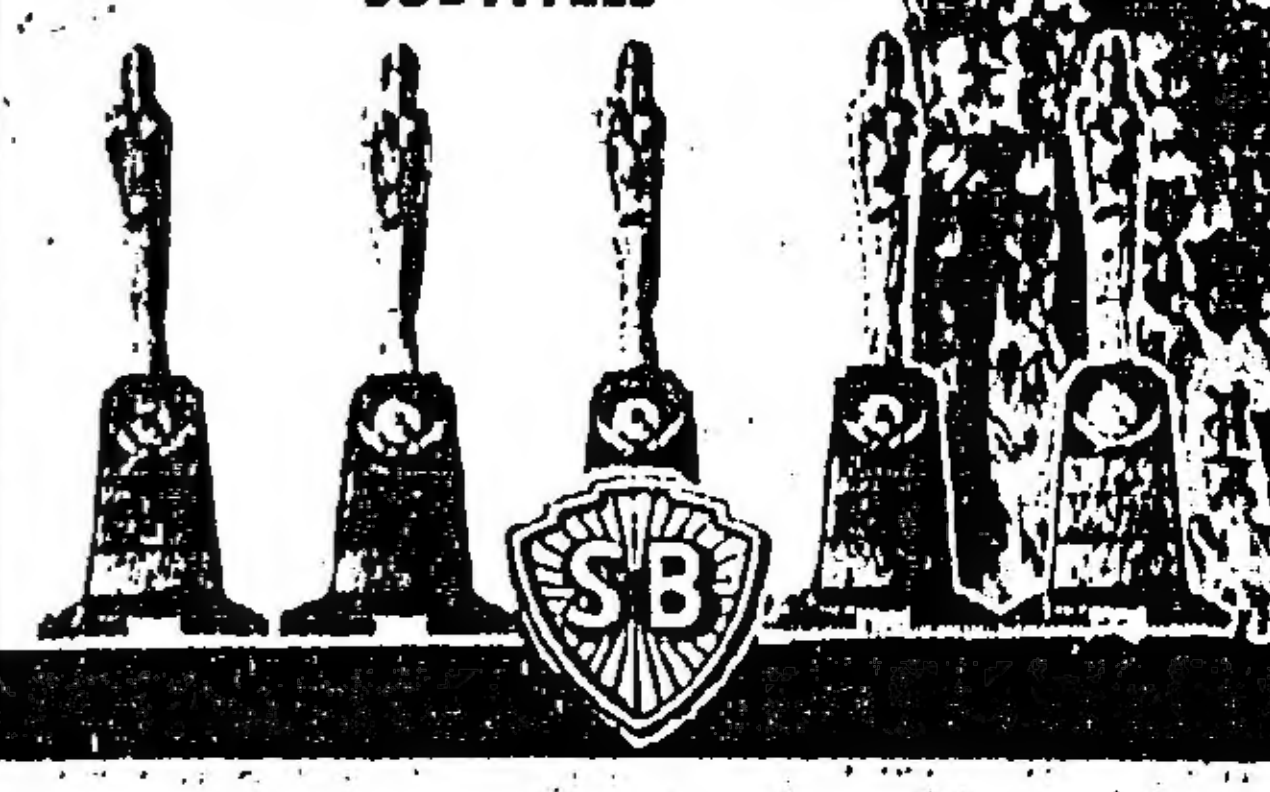
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In the last article of his series, the China Mail's film critic sums up the results of the 8th Asian Film Festival



THE SECRETS OF SUCCESS

USUALLY I give—much earlier in the Asian Film Festival—an analysis of the winning pictures and my reasons for their success. By so doing, I would not suggest for one moment that everyone thinks along the same lines as myself, but by just mentioning the salient features, readers can more or less make up their own minds.

As a hasty recapitulation, I want to state that the ballot was secret and that the Jury suggested that I should act as their Chairman of the tellers.

It was a very nice gesture on their part, although it added considerably to an already heavy task, more so in that with the increasing standard of competition this year, it meant that I should be responsible for seeing that everything was carried out with a strict regard for accuracy.

On that account, it was necessary for me to remind those who were fresh to the task that the Jury of the Asian Film Festival immediately cease to be representatives of their various constituencies in Asia, and that they were an Asian Jury. In short, it was not their job to see that the country from which they came received a prize—but that the best films entered were selected for their highest votes.

GLUM PROCESS

It is, I admit, a glum process to sit in the accounting room and to find that the films entered by one's own country do not make the grade. But the only way to raise the standard of films in Asia is to reward on merit—not on sentiment.

I have spoken of the real disappointment of Korea not receiving even one award for the most gallant attempt the Festival has known from that country. They came out with a CinemaScope and Eastman Colour period costume film, based upon a folk story.

I have spoken of the Philippine films, and the need for strength in both story and construction. If they are going to score, they must break loose from the shackles they have fastened upon themselves.

Their islands are full of fine stories. Their heroes and heroines are many. Their stories are full-blooded, often tragic (they could not be otherwise) yet, as subject matter, splendid with the added advantage of being topical.

However, to turn to the awards and the successful competitors. When it came to the awards, I was going to write something on these lines, it was thought that it might be advantageous if I said something about not only the winning films, but the kind of competition they were up against.

To do this with any clarity, I should have to use certain matter for reference, and while not giving away anything that happened in the secret sessions, I can give some indication of how the final results were achieved. This has taken a day or two, thus this article coming along at the tail of the series.

LUCK?

First of all, the Non-Dramatic winner, "This is Hongkong." Now, people who think there is something in the luck of the draw might be interested to know that "This is Hongkong" was screened during the first three hours of the Jury film session. The fact that it preceded many fine documentaries shows that it was strong enough to maintain the marks the Jurors originally bestowed upon it.

The maximum number of marks a film can obtain is ten. "This is Hongkong" obtained 8.1, and was hotly pursued by the Japanese film, "Life of the Hunting Wasp," which obtained 8.1 for photography and 7 for planning.

But this is how the marking works. The first mark given is for Artistic Merit. "This is Hongkong" was in front, and being selected the finest Non-Dramatic Film of the Year, it forfeited prizes in other sections. Actually, "This is Hongkong" was top in both planning and artistic sections of the Non-Dramatic section, and equal with Japan in photography. But in taking the highest award, it left the other two sections open to competition.

TOO LONG

In point of fact, just behind Hongkong came Japan with a fine film on deep-sea fishing. The film was detailed, a trifle long—and lost to Hongkong on the last point, I imagine. The documentary has no time to linger on the way. The Japanese documentary sometimes seems to fear the point is not made, and goes over it again. A fatal mistake. Even so, the Japanese film came in with 7.8 marks, 3 only behind Hongkong.

So places 2, 3, 4, and 5 were occupied by Japan, all scoring in the 7-4 rating, but the fifth place was shared with the Malaysian film, "Unit which totalled 7.8 marks with a film of the Batu Caves. So without my continuing any further, you will see that the film romped home with decimal fractions of one mark between them.

This meant that I had to demand a recount, and at three o'clock in the morning this was not a very popular suggestion. However, the machines refused to vary from its first figures, and Hongkong was a winner in a very close field.

Now for the Dramatic Film Section. I have said that Japan entered very strong films this year, and I have permission to say that they were strong in the following sense. Japan came top with "Nocturne of a Woman" with 8.3 marks. But even had that film failed, they would have taken the Festival with "Late Autumn" which earned 8.1 marks. Shaw Bros came along with "Les Belles" with 7.82, and then Korea with "Song Chun Hyang" with 7.8.

But with "Nocturne" out of the way, Hongkong scored heavily with the subsection marks. Best actress showed Lin Dai well in front with 8.7 marks against Setsuko Hara with 8.3. I know they are only decimal fractions, but in this last Festival, a comparatively huge margin.

EXCITING

Why did the Jurors reckon Lin Dai so well in front. I think it was because of the contrasting roles she played in the one film. As a modern, even young lady, she was good—very exciting and excellently poised. But Lin Dai switching to a traditional Chinese theatre scene was what tipped the scales. One could hear the very tension in the viewing room as the screen flickered to the Great Wall. I think it was the contrasting roles she adopted which gave her the opportunity of revealing so many facets of her histrionic ability that gave her so generous a lead.

The truth of the matter is that Japan, with "Nocturne of a Woman" and Hongkong with "Les Belles" took everything between them.

Kim Sung Ho of Korea took the Best Actor award, the second time in two years, and China took best supporting actress with Chen Yen Yen scoring in "Reunion".

So at the moment, the Film Festival in Asia has resolved into a tussle between Japan and Shaw Bros of Hongkong.

This state of affairs must not continue if the Festival is going to have lasting results, and the other nations must make more of an effort.

In this connection, Malaysian films must break away from their traditional formulae. I know the villagers demand a minimum of two hours for their films, but two hours which were a rural people into paroxysms of mirth bore a Jury to blasé. The songs which go on and on have very little merit save to amuse the folk after a weary day in the fields. But as for



FESTIVAL IN MANILA

BY JOHN LUFF

In these stills from 'Les Belles' Lin Dai shows the contrasting roles that won her the title: 'Best Actress of 1961'



tival entries, they lack the quality which earn marks.

Mr Ram Lee of Malaya is the brightest hope at the moment. In a film he wrote, produced, and directed, besides scoring the music, showed some original touches which broke free of the hide-bound tradition. Nevertheless, had he cut out some thirty minutes of film and sent in a copy edited to Festival length, he would have scored.

Indonesia was below the standard they set last year, and

other disappointment. A giant killer in the film world is no less welcome than in other activities of friendly competition.

Jeff Chandler, who is making a film in Manila, suggested that the film which earns the major subsidiary awards should be the film of the year. That is, instead of the highest scoring on Artistic merit, the present

system. This was merely his private opinion expressed after I had pointed out the system used at the moment.

Had we gone along those lines, the Daiei Motion Picture of Japan, and the Shochiku Company of the same country, plus Shaw's of Hongkong, would have taken every award in the Festival, among them.

All that remains to be said is: I can personally vouch that the awards were made on the recorded votes of the Jury, and that the votes were counted

ed and scrutinized. That no man knew how his neighbour was voting.

And that every film which scored, scored on the individual merits of its performance. That while the Jury was voting and the committee telling, no one of any film Company was allowed near the Jury. That the methods and procedure were absolutely fair.

THE END

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The Turkish Tyburn...

By ROBIN STAFFORD

IN the bustling main square Mustafa Celik, who shot his own daughter dead, growled at the executioner:—

"Don't think I am going to let a dirty gipsy like you hang me." Then he slipped the noose round his own neck, and before a crowd of 10,000 in Izmir, Turkey, kicked away the chair on which he stood.

At Sivass, in Central Anatolia, peasant girl Durdu Sarakaya, who killed her husband while he slept, became the first woman to be executed in Turkey for 30 years.

In Istanbul's Ahmed Square, beside the tourist-haunted Santa Sophia museum, Ali Unver, who axed two men and burned their petrol-soaked bodies swung from the gibbet for five hours in the white uniform of the condemned.

In 10 other main squares in 10 other main Turkish cities, 10 criminals died while thousands of people watched.

RASH

This sudden rash of Tyburn-style executions took place at the behest of the new National Unity Committee which seized power last May after the 16-year rule by democratically elected Adnan Menderes.

Menderes and his Government are now standing trial for their lives.

The National Unity Committee accuses them, among other things, of returning Turkey to the Middle Ages!

The committee's leader, General Cemal Gursel, says he is going to change all that and install a "truly democratic regime" on Western lines.

How do the public executions fit into that picture? Blandly, the committee says that the executions had been outstanding for some time and it just decided to clear them up. And "executions are always public here."

In all this, Gursel's biggest trouble is the trial of Menderes and 500 leaders of the old regime.

Menderes and his top men, had been shot in the heat of the coup Turkey would have been shocked but resigned.

"But now, as the trial drags on into its fifth month with death penalties being demanded right and left, there have been outbreaks by supporters of Menderes which have given Gursel and his men a nasty jolt. There was one after a 72-year-old former Menderes Minister dropped dead of heart failure before the stunned court. At his funeral a crowd of 1,500 surrounded and grabbed the coffin, stoned the military governor's car, and yelled: 'Take back your freedom—we don't want it.'"

VOTED

The fact is that 4,500,000 Turks voted for Menderes, and now Gursel does not know whether he dare execute someone with such backing.

Attempts to smear Menderes by bringing his glamorous mistresses into court have failed miserably.

To millions of Turkish peasants Menderes is still the man who built 5,000 new mosques; the man whom Allah saved in an air crash at Galtwick two years ago.

The peasants just do not understand the charges against Menderes of violating the Constitution—charges which carry the death penalty. Teachers sent into the villages to explain what a bad lot Menderes was have been manhandled.

REFUSED

A revealing incident came recently when Gursel, still limping badly and speaking slowly after a paralytic stroke, refused to tell 60 Turkish newspapermen whether free elections would be held in July or October.

Jocularly he asked: "Who here thought I ought to run for president?"

There was an awkward silence as only six hands were raised. Hanging common criminals in public is simple. Dealing with men of the nation-wide fame of Menderes is not so easy. —(London Express Service).

FOUR RARE VAN GOGH LETTERS FOR SALE

FOUR letters by the great Impressionist artist Vincent Van Gogh are among a collection of autograph letters and documents to be sold at Sotheby's on April 10.

They were all written during the first half of 1885 and are devoted to the technical aspect of drawing and painting.

And because the artist's correspondence was preserved in family archives they are extremely rare.

IMPOSSIBLE

Written clearly in Dutch, one says, "I am sorry that I am dependent to such an extent on my models here—I cannot get away easily—in winter I can get people to pose that I cannot or only with difficulty get when they have work outside in the fields."

In another he explains his use of his first name on a signature on his correspondence:

"Van Gogh, is such an impossible name for many foreigners to pronounce... whereas the whole world can pronounce the name Vincent correctly."

Finally, a poignant postscript to explain why he never signed his last paintings: "They will recognise my work later on, and write about me when I'm dead and gone. I shall take care of that, if I can keep alive for some little time."

Also included in the sale of nearly 200 historical manuscripts is the inventory of the pictures and works of art in Rubens's house at the time of his death in 1680. It was sent to King Charles I before the auction. —(London Express Service).

SALISBURY—WILL HE BE PROVED RIGHT ONCE AGAIN?

ONE of the most diverting of the Prime Minister's stories relates to an incident in the Cabinet in the early 1920s.

A decision had to be made as to who the next Attorney-General was to be. There appeared to be a dearth of ideas, when Lord Curzon, in his most Augustan manner, declared "I am told that the man that we want is a fellow by the name of Pigg."

Nobody had heard of Mr Pigg, but at length a solicitor of this name was unearthed in some far-flung provincial town, and to his utter astonishment was brought to London with the news that he was to be considered for the position of Attorney-General.

When he arrived those who saw him were surprised as well. At the next meeting of the Cabinet Lord Curzon was asked if this was the man that he really wished to recommend.

A mistake

He had to admit that he had made a mistake and the man he had meant was called Hogg, and so Sir Douglas Hogg became Attorney-General, and on his elevation to the peerage sensibly adopted the name of Halsbury.

I wondered the other day whether this story, which was a source of endless amusement in the 20s, had given the present Lord Halsbury something of a social chip on the shoulder.

In his attack on Lord Salisbury the other day he talked about "what gentlemen do" and what they can and cannot do, and how Lord Salisbury, a rich man, had cast aspersions upon Mr Macleod, a poor man, on the manner in which he earned his living.

I wondered about this, for I have often noticed that people who talk about "class" and are always looking for social insults, have often themselves a feeling of inferiority on the subject.

How otherwise can one explain his interpretation of Lord Salisbury's words in the House of Lords?

Startling

It was also startling that he should suddenly present Lord Salisbury as a Mr. Hyde who hits below the belt.

Was he justified? Has Lord Salisbury changed or is it one hardly dares whisper—the Government who has changed, while Lord Salisbury continues to uphold honour as he did at Munich over 20 years ago.

To judge, let us look at the political career of Lord Salisbury.

As a young man he had no particular interest in politics, indeed, he had only been an Under-Secretary for two years when rather than accept Mr Chamberlain's policy he, along with Sir Anthony Eden, resigned.

Difficult

He was proved right, and came back to serve in the war under Sir Winston Churchill, and then when the war was over, took over the Tory leadership in the House of Lords.

His was a difficult position. It was one of those great periods of transition when one Party overthrows all that another Party had believed in.

By LORD LAMBTON, M.P.

Yet Lord Salisbury was successful to such a degree, that Lord Pakenham found that such were his honesty and simplicity that even the Labour Peers found it difficult to oppose him.

Then came the Conservative Government of Sir Winston Churchill and Sir Anthony Eden, in both of which he loyally served without ambition.

Thus, when Sir Anthony's health failed, it seemed only natural that the Queen should turn to him for advice as to who should be the next Prime Minister.

The advice he has always been credited with giving was the advice I would have given—Mr Harold Macmillan—for Mr Butler's pitch by then had been too cleverly quivered for him to have succeeded without splitting the Conservative Party.

His honour

He then stood supreme as the Elder Statesman of the Conservative Party who had never put his career before his country.

But soon Mr Macmillan and Lord Salisbury separated, as was inevitable when Lord Salisbury thinks as he does, and Mr Macmillan thinks as he does.

Since then he has remained alone—critical, but almost aloof from everyday politics.

The temptation for him to retire must have been tremendous; he owns two of the most beautiful houses in England. His fame was hardly impaired. Mr Macmillan would have welcomed his quietness with open arms. And yet a certain

uneasiness must have persuaded him to stay in politics. For where were the standards of honour he believed in? Where was the theme of foreign or colonial policy? Where was there ever a sign that anything was believed in except expediency?

But still he stayed quiet. Then Mr Macmillan and Mr Macleod went too far. They followed a policy in Africa which must satisfy its own ends, because it could only have been a really by forcing white minorities to do what they were not willing to do, and could only ultimately be enforced by our soldiers, attacking the white settlers.

But it was not only the policy, it was the method that must have been so offensive to him.

It is no use adding to the bitter words that have been already said. Results speak for themselves. There is hardly a white man in Central Africa now who does not think that he has been deceived, there is hardly a black politician who does not feel that promises made to him have been broken. And that's all that Lord Salisbury said. What's wrong with that?

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After all it's his wrong the Government can prove it. But what if he's right? Well then, the country will owe him a debt of gratitude, and the Tory Party will have to look calmly and without bias at the position of its leaders.

—(London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

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TUESDAY, MARCH 21

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Previous experience will be of no use to you in tackling an unusual piece of work, but your common sense should steer you in the proper direction.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): The position which you have been holding on a somewhat precarious basis is beginning to become more firmly established.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will not find a great deal in common with a person born under Taurus, and the relationship is not likely to develop beyond a certain point.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you are contemplating a change in your work, this might be a propitious time to take the decisive step.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): It will not be easy, but it is entirely possible for you to overcome a deeply ingrained prejudice.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): An uncharacteristic action may give a superior the wrong impression of you. If it was unavoidable, an explanation might be in order.

LEO (July 22-August 21): A worth-while opportunity may be lost if you do not immediately recognise it as such.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): Refuse to take even a small financial risk, merely to please a friend, if you can see no hope of profit from it.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A relationship which does you no credit should be dissolved without causing unnecessary pain.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Confidence in your own judgment is essential if you are often called on to make decisions on the spur of the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Don't let a preconceived idea blind you to the merits of a rather novel suggestion, but consider it with an open mind.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): You will be highly flattered by a request for advice from a person whom you regarded as more experienced than yourself.

YOUR LUCKY COLOUR: If today is your birthday, look out for a combination of WHITE and CHERRY RED. It ought to bring you luck.

Will it catch on here?

IN AMERICA, store display dummies are made in the image of well-known personalities. Biggest demand at the moment is for the Jackie Kennedy "doll."

IN FRANCE, top couturier Hubert de Givenchy (who shows to the Press for the first time) is rumoured to have abolished lining fabric from all of his coats. Instead, he substitutes double-faced fabric in contrasting tones.

—(London Express Service).

JACOBY on BRIDGE

TAKE a look at the South hand only! East opens with a not vulnerable bid of four diamonds. What should you bid?

Harry Fishbein chose to bid four hearts only. He knew he was underbidding, but he had a hunch that he would get another chance.

Sure enough, West bid five diamonds and North bid five hearts. Now Harry went to six and East and West were content to pass. They thought Harry was taking a wild gamble.

Of course, the dummy held the wrong cards for him. The jack of clubs would have been worth more than the ace and queen of spades.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	?	?

You, South, hold:

♠ A Q 7 5 4 3 2 ♠ K J 9 4 3

What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. Four clubs is a close second choice, but you should prefer to try for the nine trick game.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Instead of bidding two hearts your partner has raised you directly to three clubs. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

NORTH

♠ A Q 10 6
♥ K J 7
♦ 8 4
♣ 7 5 3

EAST (D)

♠ K 9 7 5 3 2
♥ A 4
♦ 10
♣ K J 10 2

SOUTH

♠ None
♥ A Q 9 8 5 4 3 2
♦ A
♣ A Q 9 8

North and South vulnerable

East	South	West	North
4♥	4♥	5♥	5♥
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♦ Q

Nevertheless, he made the hand by means of an unusual end play. He won the first diamond; led a trump to dummy; ruffed dummy's other diamond; led another trump to dummy; led a club from dummy and played his eight spot.

West won with the ten and was end-played. A spade lead would allow Harry to finesse dummy's queen and discard his queen and nine of clubs while a club lead would allow Harry's queen to win. If West had had a diamond, that lead would have given Harry a ruff and discard.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Hydrangeas, azaleas and poinsettias will last longer if the leaves are stripped.

When choosing pots and pans look out for these points: Smooth surface, good balance; the handles should be easy to grip and insulated against heat and the lid should be well-fitting.

If a knob comes off the lid of a pan or kettle, slip a screw through the hole and put a cork on the end.

To prevent crumbs getting into the icing as you spread it on the cake, brush the top of the cake first with the white of an egg. The film of egg-white "insulates" the cake from the icing.

To clean stained kitchen tiles, first wash them free of all traces of grease by the use of soap, washing soda, and hot water, and allow them to dry. Next, rub them with a damp cloth dipped in a solution made by dissolving two ounces of common soap in one pint of soft water, and adding to this half a pound of whitening and one ounce of spirit of hartshorn. Finally dry them with a fresh cloth, and polish them up with an old leather or soft duster.

Medicine stains can often be removed by sponging with methylated spirits.

MILK HAS MANY USES

Watery egg custards can be prevented by mixing with the beaten eggs some lightly warmed milk.

Milk is excellent for cleaning and polishing marble.

To remove red wine stains from a white frock, leave the marked spots soaking in warm milk bath for a whole day.

Make your butter go further by beating it up with a little milk.

Add milk and a pinch of salt to your mustard when making it. It will not dry up so quickly.

For removing iron stains from fabrics, try sour milk.

To remove wine stains from table linen, soak in boiling milk before laundering.

Lacquered brass and copper should never be cleaned with brass polish; rub with a cloth dipped in sour milk.

Ordinary ink stains on fabrics can be removed by rubbing with a slice of lemon and then soaking the affected part in milk for two or three minutes.

Sour milk and hay water is excellent for renovating pewterware. First boil a wisp of hay in a quart of water; then add a tablespoon of sour milk. Immerse the pewter in the hot liquid for a few minutes. Dry and polish it with a piece of old silk.

SERGE PEGOFF REVEALS HIS BEAUTY SECRETS

SERGE PEGOFF, a French beauty specialist whose main pre-occupation is with acne and how to combat it, flew into London last week and we took tea together.

M. Pegoff, who is blond and slim and looks rather more like a ski-ing instructor than a spot destructor, is a highly militant beautician.

"Acne can be fought and controlled in six weeks," he told me, "which is not to say cured. One must maintain a state of continuous watchfulness."

"Causes? They are absolutely unknown. Nervous... digestive... constitutional... adolescent... there are so many kinds and conditions of acne."

What matters most is an absolutely antiseptic approach and constant vigilance. The trouble must not be left alone for a moment.

"With skin brushes and herbal packs we attack. With lotions we free the clogged pores. Ours is a full schedule night and morning, involving seven preparations and costing five guineas."

"Usually we succeed. But occasionally there are exceptions."

"One woman wrote to me recently explaining she had married because, according to her doctor, once she had a husband her spots would disappear."

"In fact they continued, but the doctor refused to worry. 'Have a child,' he assured her, 'then all will be well.'"

"To date she has had two husbands and four children—but she still has spots."

"This might be described as one of the more obstinate cases."

"I asked what he had done," said M. Pegoff simply. "Did this mean he was beaten?"

"In the last resort we will always try peeling the first layer of the skin."

Painful? "For one—night maybe." Effect? "Positively." Costly? "The price is 60 guineas." Lengthy? "The treatment takes eight to ten days."

The news out of Paris, indicating a curvier, clingier look in clothes presages a new kind of foundation.

More one-piece corselettes were made for mannequins wearing the current collections, as the fluid, bias clothes revealed waists, dropped closely over the hips.

Except for figures that have naturally long waists, it is nearly impossible to wear the new fashions with a girdle and bra. The waist and rib-cage area must show nary a bulge.

Not that there is any suggestion of tightness. It's a far cry from the fit of the late 40's, when the waist-cincher was the most popular foundation garment.

The new clothes describe a single line from shoulders to hemline, with an S-curve unbroken except for blousing in some collections. Hence the one-piece foundation, which smooths out the figure all the way down.

Ice cream served with a difference...

If last minute guests find you with plain ice cream the only dessert on hand, give it a company touch by serving in a coffee-coconut shell.

To one can of shredded coconut, add enough strong, hot coffee barely to cover. Let stand for five minutes, drain and dry between layers of absorbent paper. Press the coconut on the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie pan that has been rubbed with 2 tablespoons butter or margarine. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) 10 minutes. Cool and heap with scoops of ice cream.

If there is any control emphasis in new foundations, it is at the hips, where the clothes closely follow the body line before breaking out in the swirling hemlines that are a striking feature of the Paris collections.

AVERAGE

But even here foundations will not constrict. It is assumed that the wearer has an average figure that may need some redistributing, but does not need constriction.

Comfort is the hallmark of the new clothes, which move with absolute freedom. The foundations must therefore be comfortable, too. His control is obtained by seaming, spiral treatment of the elasticised fabric, or bias placement of panels. It is never the result of heavy fabrics, especially since the new Spandex fibres (Lycra) have made control and lightness synonymous.

Where girdles are a woman's choice, they will usually be long-line, going well down the thigh and rising well above the waist. Bosom shaping will be natural; rounded and no higher than the muscle placement indicates.

BUILT-IN

A new note for sportswear will be the growing prevalence of built-in bras. Patio dresses, play tops for shorts and swim-suits will come with this convenience, obviating the search for a suitable bra. Pantie girdles of Lycra will make wearing them under all sportswear perfectly comfortable.

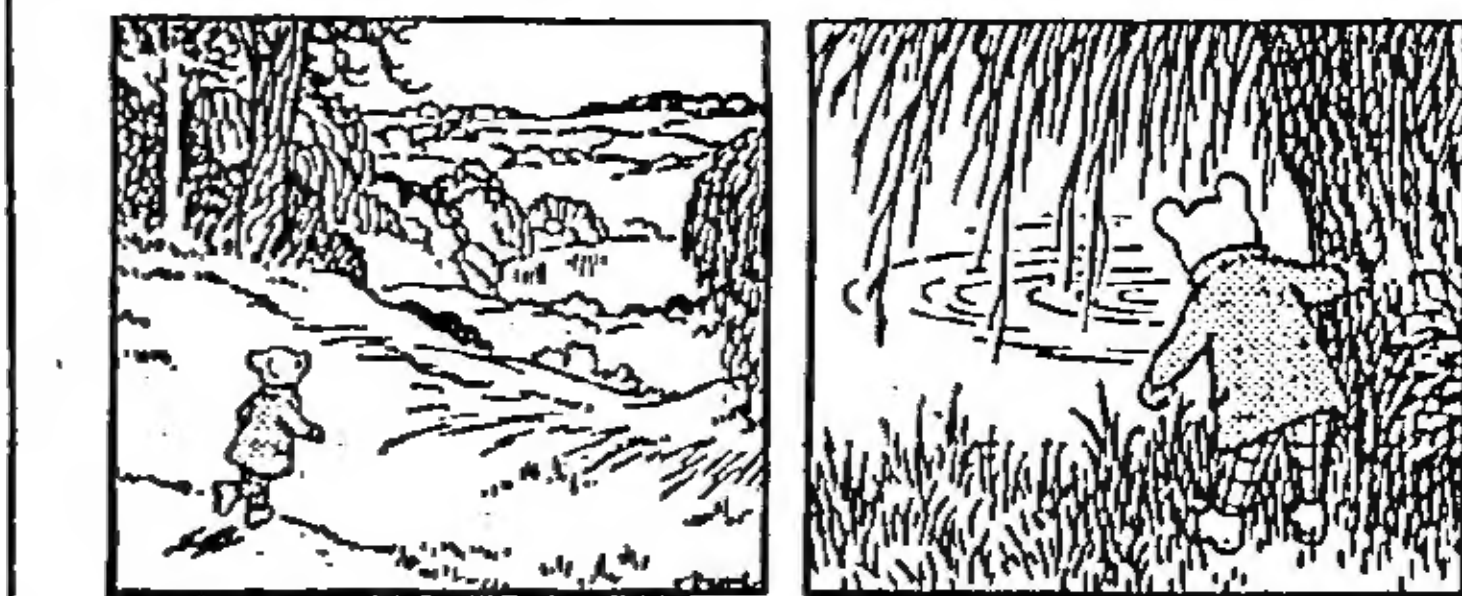
In particular, the stretch swimsuits of knit fibres will call for bras, since they have a tendency to flatten the figure. As mailot styles never come with built-in bras, there will be extra bras available for wearing under them.

Casting a light...



Finding keys, reading theatre programmes, searching for lost gloves under cinema seats, exploring the handbag depths, are all solved by a new accessory called Light Touch. Clipping onto the side pocket of a handbag, the three-inch long light is ready for all emergencies, including retouching make-up and finding the keyhole in the dark.

Rupert and the Paper-fall—6



The behaviour of the small stranger has been so odd that Rupert stands uncertainly for a moment. Then he turns to follow. "There's something very queer about that shower of paper," he thinks. "Why was that awful little man so excited? Who was he? Where has he gone? I must find out." Up the slope he trots. There is no sign of the other, but before him is a lake and trees and fields. He has disappeared quickly, "he says as he reaches the lake, 'but something's disturbing the water behind that tree. Perhaps he's there. I'll go down to the water's edge and look.'"

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Punch, The Inventor

—He Even Claims He Invented Bread And Butter—

By MAX TRELL

"MR PUNCH," said Knarf, "The Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name."

"No," said Mr Punch, "without looking up from the book that he was reading."

Mr Punch was sitting in his rocking chair in the sunny window.

Knarf gazed at Mr Punch in surprise, wondering why he had said "No," before he even knew what he was going to be asked.

Mr Punch now looked up. He seemed a little puzzled. He smiled.

"I'm sorry I said No," he explained to Knarf. "I was busy reading my book. I guess I was talking to myself. Forgive me, my dear Boy. What is it you would like to ask me?"

Knarf wants answers

Feeling much better, Knarf now asked Mr Punch if he minded answering a few questions.

Mr Punch said he didn't mind at all.

"I can't find the answers anywhere," said Knarf. "It's about inventions."

"Ah," said Mr Punch, smiling and putting his finger against his nose, which is what he always did when he felt particularly pleased. "I know a great deal about inventions. In fact, my Boy, although I never mentioned it to you before, I invented quite a number of things myself."

"What things did you invent, Mr Punch?" Knarf asked, more astonished than ever.

"Oh—lots of little things—nothing much to talk about," said Mr Punch. "Ask me your questions, please."

"I suppose you want to know who invented things like the telephone and the airplane and the printing press?"

Knarf shook his head. "I don't care about them," he said. "I want to know who invented shoes."

For an instant Mr Punch's face was frozen in wonder. The next second, however, he smiled.

"The inventor of shoes?" he said. "Now that's strange. Shoes are one of the things I invented."

"You did?" asked Knarf. "But—" He started to object, remembering that people had been wearing shoes perhaps before Mr Punch was born.

"Next question," said Mr Punch.

"Who invented windows?" asked Knarf.

"Well, well, well. What a coincidence!" said Mr Punch. "Another thing I invented! Yes, I'm the inventor of windows and of doors, too, if that's important. And if it's any use to you I also invented roofs and steps and door mats and hot and cold running water."

COOKERY CORNER

Sausage suggestions by FELICITY ASCOT

Sausage casserole

2lbs Pork sausages, ½lb bacon, 1 small tin tomato soup, 2 partly cooked chopped carrots, 2 sliced onions, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 bay leaf.

Wrap two sausages in a strip of bacon and secure with a small wooden skewer. Arrange in a casserole and bake in the oven until the bacon is crisp and most of the fat can be drained off. Arrange the mixed chopped vegetables over the meat and add the butter and sugar. Dilute the soup and pour into the casserole. Bake in a moderate oven for about 16 minutes, then turn the heat up until the dish is nicely browned.

Sausage puffs

1lb Pork Sausages, 2 tablespoons apple sauce, the juice of an onion, 1 tablespoon cream, red pepper and puff or flaky pastry.

Place the skinned sausages in a bowl and add the apple sauce, onion juice, cream and pepper. Mix well together. Roll out the pastry thinly and cut into squares. Put a tablespoon of the meat mixture on to each square of pastry and fold over. Pinch the edges together and bake in a hot oven for 20 minutes. Serve with tomato sauce.

Sausage-stuffed cucumbers

4 good-sized cucumbers, 1 cup cooked pork sausage, 1 cup dried breadcrumbs, 2 teaspoons minced onion, 1 egg, 4 slices of bacon, salt, pepper and a pinch of sage.

Peel the cucumbers and cut a lengthwise strip from each one. Remove the seeds and some of the meat, saving the slice for a lid. Make the stuffing by moistening the crumbs with warm water, adding the onion, sausage, meat and the egg slightly beaten. Dust the cucumber inside and out with salt and pepper and fill with the stuffing. Cover them with the lids and place in a casserole with just a little water and bake in a moderate oven for 45 minutes, basting frequently with the water.

Sausage bean soup

2 cups of beans, 1 potato, 1 onion, 1 lb pork sausages and 2 quarts of cold water.

Soak the beans overnight then drain. Cover the beans with the 2 quarts of water, add salt to taste and boil until they are tender. When the beans are about half done add the potato and sliced onion. When the cooking is complete press the beans, onion and potato through a sieve and add a little more water if necessary. Skin the sausages and cut them into small balls. Drop the sausage balls into the boiling soup and cook for about 10 minutes.

He shut his eyes while he thought. Finally he said: "I also invented tables and chairs, knives and spoons and forks, and napkins and tooth-picks and stockings and neckties and ribbons. But my best invention of all was—"

Mr Punch hesitated.

Knarf said, "I'm very anxious to know, Mr Punch. What was that invention?"

"You probably won't think very much of it," said Mr Punch. "It's the kind of thing we see every day in the week."

"What was that invention? Please tell me, what was that invention?" Knarf asked, growing more and more eager to know.

"Bread and butter," said Mr Punch.

"But, but—People have always had bread and butter!" Knarf cried.

Mr Punch didn't answer. And perhaps that was rather invention of his, too—just not answering!

Britain not doing enough to get support for Open Tennis Tournaments

Says JOHN COTTRELL

Here we go again. As happened last year, Britain's Lawn Tennis Association has voted with an overwhelming majority in favour of Open Championships, especially an Open Wimbledon. It can be presumed that Britain will have the support of the United States and France in their bid to end the hypocritical amateur-professional apartheid. And once again there are high hopes that Wimbledon's Doherty Gates will at last be open to the world's best players.

Britain's 1961 flat racing season off to historic start

Lincoln, Mar. 20. Britain's 1961 flat racing season got off to a historic start on the bleak Carlisle here today—historic because overnight declaration of runners was in operation for the first time in Britain. The system was a great success. Of a total of 246 runners declared for the flat meeting here and jumping programmes at Ayr and Folkestone, only one dropped out. The hurdler Brambling, owned by Lord Joyce, was withdrawn from her race at Ayr because, in her trainer's explanation, she "went wrong."

APPRENTICES' RACE

A cold blustering wind blew over the Carlisle. Traditionally, the opening race of the flat season was an apprentices' handicap, and for half an hour—until the second race was run—young Eric Alston was Britain's leading jockey. He rode a coolly judged race to bring the nine-year-old Troilus home a 10 to one winner in a field of 23 apprentice-ridden horses. It was Alston's second winner in his short career. Troilus also won the first race of the flat last year, ridden on that occasion by A. Hill. These two successes are the only victories he has scored.—China Mail Special.

Tasmania all out for 147 against Australian team

Hobart, Mar. 20. Left-arm spinner Ian Quick took five wickets for 48 here today when Tasmania were dismissed for 147 on the second day of their match with the Australian cricket team which will tour Britain this summer. Facing an Australian XI of total 500, Tasmania, who were 60 for three overnight, lost their seven remaining first innings wickets for 78. They followed on, and when bad light brought about an early close, had scored 147 for three. In the follow-on pace bowler Ron Grant took a wicket with his sixth ball without a run being scored, and claimed a second victim at 19.—China Mail Special.

Thailand-Ceylon Davis Cup Tie

Colombo, Mar. 20. Thailand kept alive their hopes in their first round Eastern Zone Davis Cup tie against Ceylon here by winning the first of today's final two singles. Sithuphan Karalak, of Thailand, beat Bernard Pinto, of Ceylon 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1 to level the contest at two-all. In the last singles, Seri Charachinda, of Thailand, led G. N. Pereira, of Ceylon 4-3, 6-4, 8-6, 7-5, when play was called off for the day. The match will be continued tomorrow.—Reuters.

Splendid, Britain's lawn tennis authorities deserve the highest praise for making such a move when their own meeting at Wimbledon is the one great tournament which can make a huge profit without the help of the professionals.

But are the LTA doing enough?

I suggest that they are not—that unless there is a well-organized effort to canvass the "floating voters", the proposal for open tournaments may be killed in Stockholm in July just as it was in Paris last July.

Valuable lead

In Stockholm, the International Lawn Tennis Federation will again have the chance to take the most realistic and valuable decision in their 48 years' existence—a decision which could revitalise a worldwide sport which is steadily losing spectator appeal.

Last year, the proposal gained 134 votes in favour and 75 against, thus failing to get the necessary two-thirds majority by only five votes—the contribution of just one of the minor tennis-playing nations.

The French took a valuable lead by publishing a pamphlet stating their views in favour of open tournaments. But at the time it was still felt that open tournaments would almost certainly have been sanctioned if a little more effort had been made to influence the "don't know" countries which abstained.

Better chance?

Some experts believe that the proposal has a greater chance of success this year. I am not so sure. Remember that the proposal failed last time despite the combined support of the four leading tennis nations—Britain, France, Australia and the United States—who each have the maximum voting power of 12.

This time the advocates of open championships can by no means rely on the support of Australia. Curiously, this otherwise progressive country, the world's greatest nursery of male tennis stars, appears to be swinging away from the idea of open tournaments.

Mr N. Strange, President of the Australian LTA, is opposed to Open Tournaments. And I fear he may have the support of his Association.

Sports goods firm in Australia have spent as much as £100,000 a year on lawn tennis. Yet Colonel Blimps who rule the Australian game proclaim that

they are determined to maintain strict amateurism.

Without the support of Australia, it will be essential to win over some of the small countries. It is not enough to publicly support the proposal and hope other countries will follow suit. This is such a vital issue that Britain should send a roving ambassador around the smaller countries to campaign for Open Tournaments.

THE BLARNEY STONE 'SEVENS' IN RETROSPECT

By "PROP"

The Blarney Stone Seven-a-side rugby matches which were played off over the latter part of last week gave spectators ample opportunity to enjoy some good open rugby, and some fine tactical play by the eventual winners, the Dragons.

Rugby tactics the world over vary enormously. The South African "power play" is based on a very fast, heavy pack. Welsh rugby on the other hand prides itself on its three-quarter movements whilst the Scots and the Irish rely on the amazing force of "national fervour".

To a slightly less exalted degree these forces were all at work in this Blarney Stone Tournament of 1960-61. Dragons exhibited forward power, Reerelo based their hopes on fast three-quarter play, whilst every team which entered brought along its fervent supporters.

Boring rugby

After two evenings of some fine rugby the Tournament entered its final stages with the appearance on Saturday evening of the Royal Signals and Club "B" to do battle in the first quarter-final. As expected the Club side were victorious, but a word for the Signals who put up a fine show with the limited resources at their disposal.

Botvinnik in advantageous position

Moscow, Mar. 20. Former world chess champion Mikhail Botvinnik had a decisive victory over current champion Mikhail Tal when their third match in the World Championship series was adjourned today after 42 moves. Tass Agency reported.

Botvinnik who usually needs more time in deliberating moves than his younger opponent, turned the tables on the champion today. Tal was definitely pressed for time most observers felt.

The first eight moves today were identical to those played in the first match last week. At the ninth move, however, it became clear that Botvinnik was employing a new offensive pattern. He took the advantage at this point and maintained it until the end of the game.—AFP.



Arsenal centre-forward Herd can hardly believe his eyes as Blackburn goalkeeper Leyland falls on the ball and blocks the shot that would have netted the Scot his hundredth League goal. This was a thrilling incident in the drawn First Division match at Highbury, London last week. For two or three weeks, Herd has been seeking that elusive goal.—Reuter photo.

Taiwan XV lose narrowly to Club 'A'

By NEL HAWKINS

A very fit and spirited team from Taiwan, the Chien Kuo Old Boys XV, were narrowly beaten by a somewhat uncoordinated Club "A" side at the Hongkong Football Club Stadium last night. This was a lively and entertaining game played throughout at a fast pace and providing, from the spectators' point-of-view, an enjoyable spectacle more than an exhibition of how the game of rugby should be played.

A DELIGHT

For the major part of this game, either side could have left the field the winners and only by the strength and weight of the Club forwards were the Taiwan team eventually weakened and finally defeated. Outside the pack, the Club had most of the ball but failed to make the most of it except on too few occasions and then they were as dangerous as usual and a delight to watch.

The Chien Kuo backs made up in speed and determination what they possibly lacked in tactical knowledge and had they placed more emphasis on possession, rather than slightly indiscriminate high forward kicking, they would more often have over-run the Club defence.

With constant harrassing by both teams, from the heavy smothering tactics of the Club pack and the quick boot of the visitors, the scoring did not run high and the final tally of nine points (one try and two penalties) to five points (one goal) was probably a fair indication of the general run of the game.

UNLUCKY

For sheer determination the visitors were perhaps unlucky not to score more often and several times deserved a luckier bounce which was all that was needed to put them over the line.

On the other hand the Club played a sound defensive game and were able to rely on the strength of their pack when needed.

The match tomorrow night between the Chien Kuo Old Boys' Team and the President's XV should be well worth a visit to the Stadium.



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SPRING DOUBLE CALLOVER

Pheidippides, Honeymoon join Bookmarker as Lincoln co-favourites

London, Mar. 20.

A Victoria Club spokesman described tonight's betting on the Lincolnshire as "bits and pieces." Best backed No Saint was supported to win £5,000 and closed at 33 to one. The horse was not even quoted at the previous callover.

Bookmarker, a clear favourite last Thursday, was tonight joined by Pheidippides and Honeymoon as 12 to one co-favourites. Fulshaw Cross, backed to win £3,000 and Mustavon both shortened from 16 to one to 14 to one.

Merryman remained at 10 to one clear favourite for the Grand National, but Bandonloch went out from 11 to one to 16 to one. Bandonloch did good cantering work today and appeared to have fully recovered from a minor foot complaint. Irish challenger Team Spirit is now second favourite at 14 to one.

Another Irish runner, Mr What, the 1958 National winner, was backed to win £2,000 and shortened two points to 18 to one. Prices at tonight's were:

LINCOLNSHIRE

(March 22)

12-1 Bookmarker, Pheidippides and Honeymoon; 14-1 Fulshaw Cross, Mustavon and Torullos; 16-1 Novograh; 20-1 Great Faith and John; 25-1 Bourbon, Tender Colt and Sanctum; 33-1 Blue Over, Small Slam and No Saint; 40-1 Arion and St Elmo; 50-1 Lone Star.

GRANT NATIONAL

(March 25)

10-1 Merryman; 14-1 Team Spirit; 16-1 Bandonloch, Canonic Lee, Hunter's Breeze and Mr What; 18-1 Oxo and Siracusa; 20-1 O'Malley Point; 25-1 Scottish Flight, Wyndburgh and Jonjo; 33-1 Kilmore; 40-1 Oscar Wilde.

There will be a final Lincolnshire callover tomorrow night.—Reuter.

UK soccer results

London, Mar. 20.

Results of tonight's British football matches were:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division I

Blackburn 2 West Ham 1
Bristol Rovers 4 Southampton 2
Stoke City 3 Derby County 1

Division II

Newport 3 Coventry 3

Division IV

York City 2 Southport 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division I

Hibernian 1 Dundee 0
Celtic 1 Raith Rovers 1

(Both matches postponed from March 11)

IRISH CUP

Second round replay

Dunderry 3 Crusaders 1
(Dunderry qualified to meet Glenavon in the semi-finals).—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Annual Open Championships at Taikoo Club 1.30 pm.
Soccer
HCCA Management Committee meeting, Sports-road 6 pm.
Hockey
Men's International series: Malaysia v Wales (8.45 pm); Pakistan v Ireland (Holland) 8.30 pm.
TOMORROW
St George's School Annual Inter-House athletics, Boundary-street, Army ground, 2.15 pm.
Colony Senior Championships matches at Reerelo, 7.30 pm.
Netball
Executive Committee of Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association, Club Luncheon, 5.30 pm.
Tennis
Colony Grass Court Doubles semi-final, HKCC, 8 pm.
Hockey
Men's Int'l series: Commonwealth v Holland (HCC) 5.30 pm.

Record 62.5m audience for Patterson-Johansson fight

New York, Mar. 20. A total of 62½ million persons listened to the radio broadcast of the Floyd Patterson-Johansson heavyweight boxing championship bout last Monday, the American Broadcasting Company announced today.

The network claimed the number was a new, sports and entertainment record for radio audiences.

Robert B. Pauley, ABC Vice-President, said only certain speeches by the late U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt during World War II attracted larger audiences.

Pauley said the projection on the title match was based on a special 100-city report covering the United States and Canada. He said the fight was broadcast on 550 stations in America and Canada, the largest station lineup for a commercial broadcast in ABC's history.

The previous record in sports and entertainment audiences was set with the broadcast of the second Patterson-Johansson fight last June.

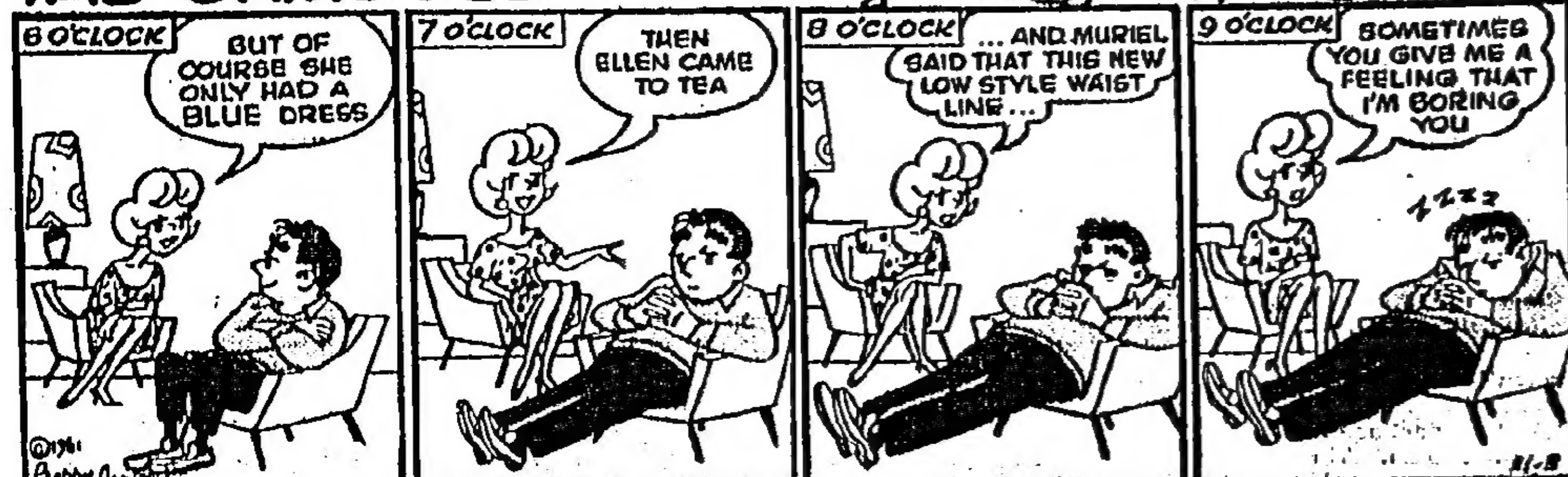
Pauley said. Then ABC claimed a listening audience of 61 million. Pauley said ABC Radio paid a record sum for the rights, estimating the total package at over \$400,000.—AP.

INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON

Nottingham, Mar. 20. England beat Scotland 7-2 in a Badminton International here tonight.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



OLYMPIC FLAME MAY BE TAKEN TO TOKYO OVER THE ANCIENT SILK ROAD

Tokyo.

Japanese officials want to bring the Olympic torch from Athens to Tokyo for the 1964 Olympic Games along the ancient Silk Road which crosses China.

The 6,200-mile route was proposed by Mr Michio Ito, a Japanese theatrical producer, who will arrange the opening and closing ceremonies for the Tokyo Games.

Officials of the Japanese Olympic Committee say that the Silk Road route, at this stage of preparations, is still mainly just an idea. No decision on whether it is possible to carry the flame overland from the Mediterranean to Tokyo will be reached until June. In the mean time they will continue to gather relevant information.

The biggest problem, they think, will be to get permission from Communist China which, at present, is not a member of the International Olympic Committee.

If the Silk Road route proves impracticable, alternate routes will be considered, taking the torch down along the Red Sea from the Mediterranean, across the Indian Ocean, then up the shores of the Pacific Ocean, through a score of Asian countries.

It has been calculated that runners would need a year to bring the torch along the Silk Road. Most of the running would have to be done at night to escape high temperatures during the day.

The route

Professor Ikeda Matsuda, of Waseda University in Tokyo, one of Japan's leading authorities on Central Asian history and geography, has traced the route as follows:

From Greece, the torch would cross the Mediterranean to Baghdad and Teheran, then continue east over a highway across the desert, among Middle East oil wells and pipelines, to Samarkand, an important East-West trading centre.

The route would then cross the difficult 15,000-foot Pamir Plateau to Kuching and descend eastward between the Tien Shan Mountains which stretch from the Pamir Plateau to the Gobi

Desert, and on to the Taklamakan Desert.

The route would descend as it crossed the Taklamakan Desert to Turfan, then pass down into Asia in China. From here, the torch could be carried on to Peking via Lanzhou then Kanchow, Nungshu and across to Fyonggang in North Korea, Seoul, in South Korea, and across the Korean Straits to Kyushu, in southern Japan. The last stage of the route would bring the torch up through Japan to Tokyo.

Used by Marco Polo

Mr Michio Ito suggested that the torch could be carried by horses, camels, jeeps and even helicopters across the more rugged terrain in Central Asia. In some areas, a caravan of trucks would be needed to follow the runners to provide them with water, food and medical supplies.

Marco Polo used the Silk Road in the 13th century during his excursions into Central Asia. He took four years to open the trade route between Rome and Peking. Later, the development of sea transport made it obsolete.

Mr Ito thinks that the fact that the old Silk Road, which once linked East and West, had not been used for armies at war since ancient times, is symbolic of the peaceful Olympic spirit.

Okinawa was the first of the islands in the Pacific to ask to be included in the relay route. If the flame is brought up the Pacific, Mr Masaji Tabata, the mayor of Naha, Okinawa's capital, made the request to Japan's Olympic Organising Committee when he came here in February.

Dr Hiteshi Kihara, director of the National Hereditary Research Institute, who visited the Middle East a few years ago

and Professor Yajiro Sakato, of Shizuoka University, who led an expedition to the Pamirs last year, have been invited by the Organising Committee to give their opinions on the best route for the flame.

Games preparations

As Japan will be the first Asian country to act as host to the Games, some officials considered that the flame should pass through as many neighbouring Asian countries as possible. To do this, and use the Silk Road route as well, would mean carrying the flame south to Southeast Asia to include such countries as Thailand, Burma and Vietnam.

In Tokyo, the Olympic Organising Committee has selected 16 sites for the 18 events on the programme for the 1964 Games. Plans for the marathon, cycling and equestrian events had not been finalised by February. All other facilities are expected to be completed between March and October of 1963.

Outlining the plans for the Olympic Village, Committee officials say that the quarters will be able to accommodate 6,500 male and 1,500 female athletes. Plans include such services as a post office, bank, customs office, fire department, clinic, motion picture theatre and press centre.

Four athletics tracks, 52 practice grounds for jumping, throwing and putting the shot, five football fields, five hockey fields, three swimming pools, three gymnasia, 25 small gymnasia and 18 volleyball practice courts will surround the athletes' quarters.

Officials say that Japan's plan for the Olympic sites will be submitted to the International Olympic Committee when it meets in Athens in May. — Reuter.

BOOKS AND SPORT

How to become champions —and successful duffers

By CHARLES STEPHEN

How has the United States produced so many world champion athletes? One secret of their success is that, unlike most other countries, they scientifically select many of their potential star performers.

Champions may be born rather than made. But how many born champions come to realise their full potential? All too often, great stars of athletics discover their capabilities by chance rather than design.

Not so in the United States. The most colleges and Universities select athletes by studying their physique as well as performance and a student of a certain build will often be recommended to concentrate on a certain event.

While there are always notable exceptions, a very definite link exists between certain physical types and certain athletic events.

New two top American athletics experts, Jesse Mortenson and John Cooper, discuss such ways of selecting performers in a beautifully produced coaching book, "Track and Field: For Coach and Athlete" (Prentice-Hall International Inc. 30s.).

Points

Here are some of the points they make which may help some youngsters to decide on which event to concentrate:

440 yards—The extremely stocky, short individuals are not usually successful... most successful performers are thin, wiry, and of average height.

880 yards—Tall, long-legged runners with average speed may become good 880 men.

1 Mile—The ideal miler is a slightly built individual who has a loose striding, running action.

Long-distance—"Participants are normally the smallest runners on the track team."

Pole vault—"Rope climbers, parallel bar specialists and gymnastics apparatus performers in general are a source of potential performers."

Discus—"Boys with long arms and considerable weight should be encouraged to attempt this event."

Many exceptions to these rules come to mind, but generally they are a fair guide.

However, I feel the authors are treading on thin ice when they seek to link psychological factors to certain events.

For example, of the 880 yards they write: "Boys who are not extremely socially inclined may be successful. A boy who likes to play team games has a harder time adjusting to running distance races than one who has the opposite traits."

I cannot accept this as a proven fact; indeed, a tremendous

amount of research remains to be done before such psychological ideas could be reasonably applied to the selection of top athletes.

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Since ninety-nine people out of a hundred have no prospect of becoming a champion of any kind, there will perhaps be a wider readership for the work of another American, Henry McLemore, who gives advice on "How to Be a Successful Duffer."

He writes: "A true duffer always will be a duffer. Lessons from professionals do him little good. He will carry that loop in his backswing, that flyswatter service, to his grave."

"The library shelves of the nation are over-run with learned books on how to become a champion by improving your form. The real duffer has no form and couldn't improve if he did."

'Too old'

"As for becoming a champion you can't fool us. Champions are harder to make than trees. To begin with, they must have great natural ability and an early start."

"Your champion horseshoe pitcher probably started pitching pory shoes when he still wore three-cornered pants, and your golf champion undoubtedly could put backspin on his milk bottle."

"Most fly-casting experts learned the rudiments by casting into the goldfish bowl from their bassinets. Anyone who is old enough to read is too old to start becoming a champion."

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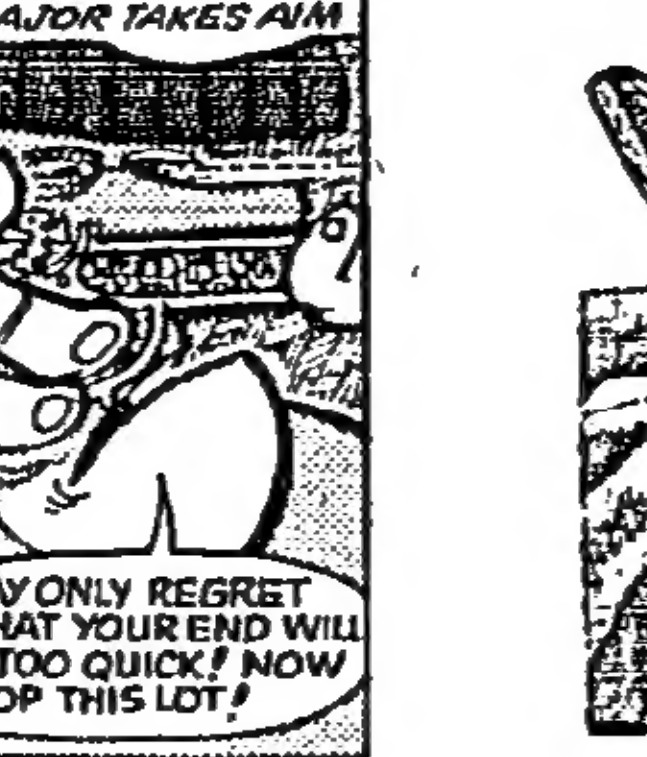
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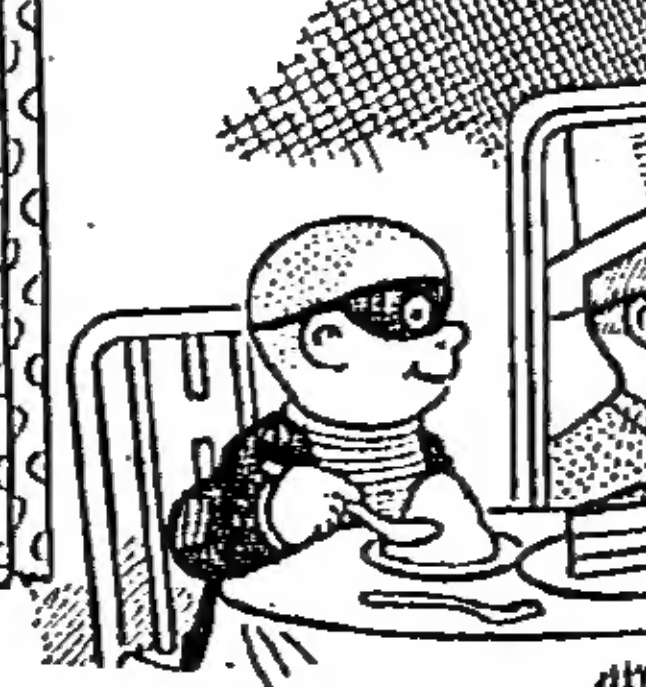
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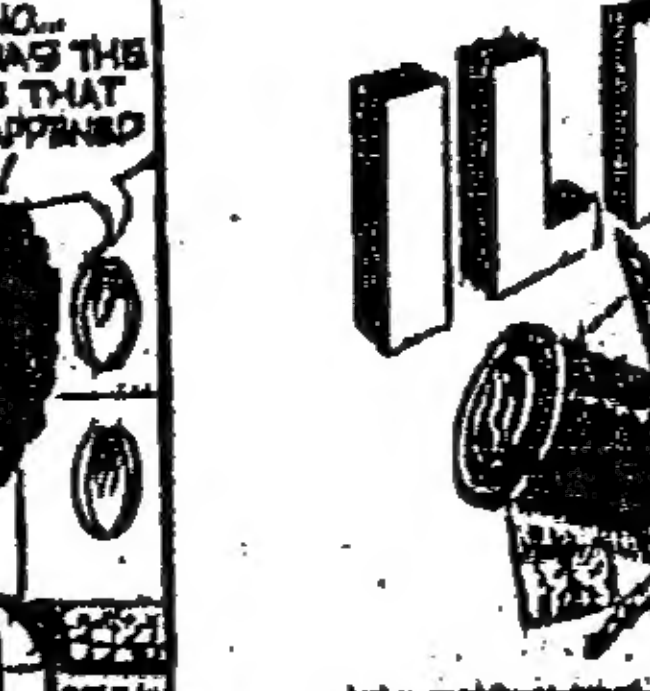
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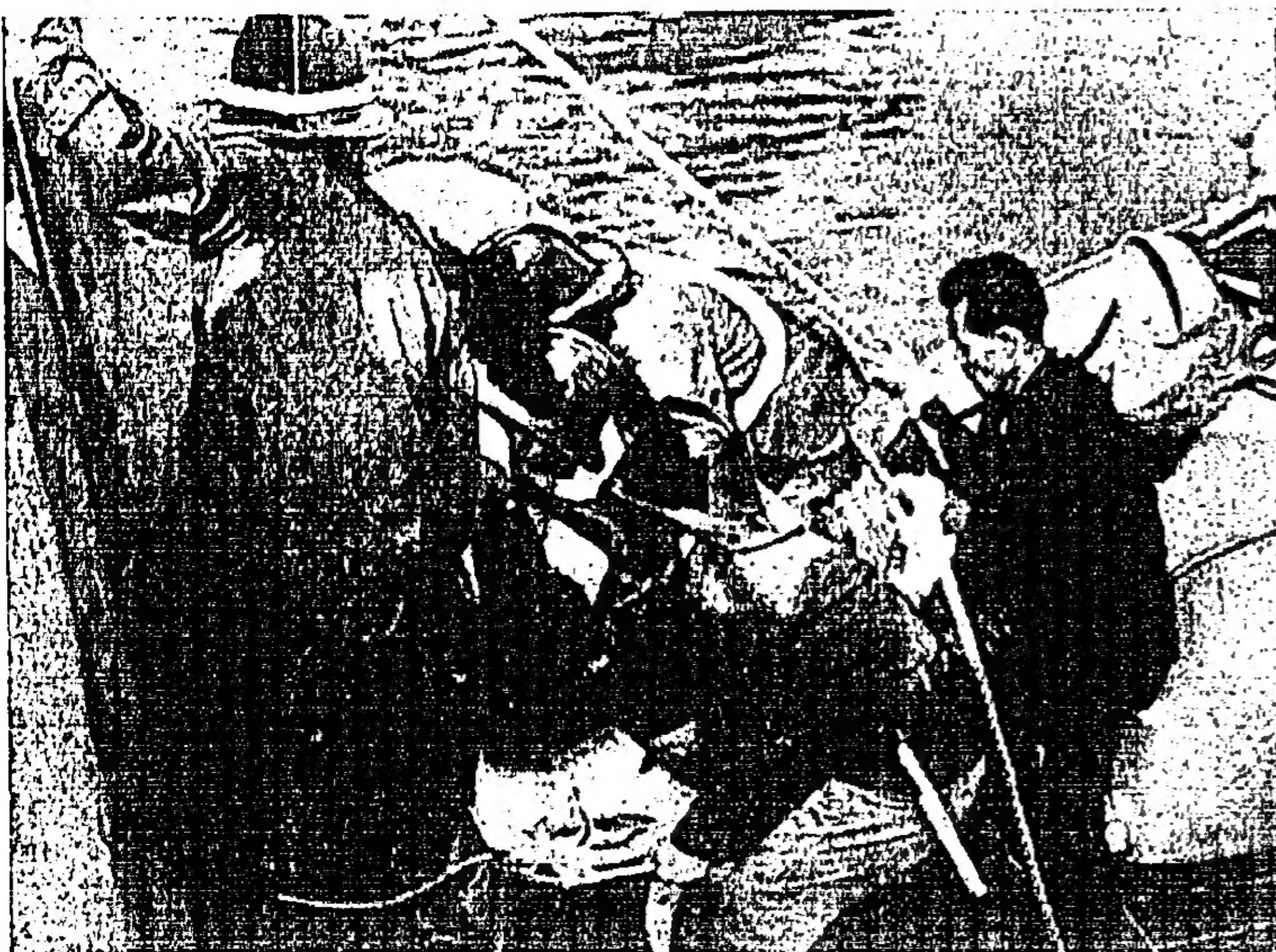
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Man rescued from dredger



Here is another China Mail photograph of a man rescued from the overturned dredger after a six-hour ordeal inside. He is covered with grease from head to foot.

CROWN CLAIM IN MURDER CASE:

'STRAYING CHICKENS LEADS TO QUARREL'

A farmer's wife in the New Territories was stabbed at least 13 times by a neighbour during an argument over her vegetable farm, it was alleged in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The woman, Chan Wai-lan, died on arrival at the Yuen Lung Government Clinic.

On trial was Ngai Shau-kwai, 33, of Pak Heung, New Territories, who faces a charge of murdering the woman on January 17. He pleaded not guilty.

Caused damage

Mr M. Morley-John, Crown Counsel, told a jury of five men and two women that the deceased, Chan Wai-lan, lived with her husband, Lam Ching, a farmer, at a vegetable farm in Sheung Chai, Pak Heung district, New Territories.

The accused lived with his wife in an adjoining hut and raised chickens and ducks.

Mr Morley-John said the accused's poultry used to stray into Lam's farm and caused damage to the vegetables and this annoyed Lam.

On January 17, the chickens again strayed to Lam's land, pecking away the vegetables. Lam complained, and accused's wife went over to drive away the chickens. In doing so, she tripped on some of the vegetables and an argument arose to whether the farm had been properly fenced off.

Attacked

"During the argument, both the accused and deceased appeared on the scene, and for some reason, accused attacked the deceased."

"He attacked her and stabbed her with a sharp instrument at least 13 times. In the leg, in the face, in the shoulder, chest and back."

"After stabbing the deceased, accused challenged Lam to a fight but certain villagers managed to persuade the

accused not to fight. Accused then returned to his hut and left the village later," Counsel said.

Police were informed, Mr Morley-John said, and deceased was taken to the Yuen Lung Government Clinic where she was found dead on arrival.

Went to Tsun Wan

Meanwhile, Crown Counsel continued, the accused went to a relative in Tsun Wan, and knowing what had happened, the relative informed the police and accused was taken to the police station.

Hearing continues.

The accused is defended by Mr A. H. Sofford, instructed by Mr Francis Chan.

Amah stole five days after she got job

An amah who had been employed only five days when she stole a quantity of jewellery from her employer, was jailed for two months by Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

The servant, Yeung Tai-pui, 42, residing at her employer's address at 32 Bun Hoi-street, fourth floor, pleaded guilty.

Inspector Y. C. Lam said that the employer, Leong Po-hang, left his house one day but forgot his key. When he returned he found three bracelets, three gold rings, one gold chain with pendant, one gold bracelet and a piece of jade missing.

The total value of the stolen articles was \$300.

Leong Po-hang then reported to the police and when the flat was searched the police found the articles in the lavatory. Yeung admitted she stole them.

Man tells of meeting the day before

A witness at the trial of two police inspectors, a driving instructor and a woman on conspiracy charges relating to written driving tests told Judge B. J. Jennings at the Victoria District Court that he was given a red plastic ruler to take into the examination hall.

Tang Ping-yuen, the witness, was testifying against Yuen Pui-hung alias Lung Bo, Lung Chung-wing, Chan Kwok-kwai and Tse Hei, accused of charging amounts ranging from \$100 to \$200 to reveal the answers to the written tests.

Tang said when he received notification to take his written test, he showed the letter to his employer, a Mr Chan. He added that he was then introduced to Mr Chan's brother, Mr Chan Chor-ming.

Others present

The day before the test he said he had a meeting with his employer's brother in the office. There were many other people present, he continued.

At that meeting he was given a piece of paper which contained a set of answers to the written test. Later that evening he again met Chan Chor-ming who gave him a six-inch red plastic ruler.

He said he carried the red ruler together with his provisional letter and letter of notification when he entered the examination hall.

He was given a set of test papers by a police constable.

Mr Laurence Leong, instructed by Peter Mo and Co., appearing for the first and second accused, Mr Patrick Yu and Mr John Swaine, instructed by Lau, Chan and Ko represented the third accused, and Mr Leo D'Almeida, QC, and Mr John Swaine, the fourth accused.

Hearing continues this afternoon.

JAY-WALKERS FINED \$25

Five men and a woman were fined \$25 each by Mr Derek Cane at Central Court this morning for failing to use a pedestrian crossing.

The jay walkers committed the offence yesterday in various parts in Queen's-road Central.

They crossed the road within 45 feet of a pedestrian crossing.

A 58-year-old housewife, Ho Ngai, said her reason for jay walking was that she was in a hurry to see her husband who was sick in hospital.

Mr Cane, however, warned her if she crossed the road like that, she might also join her husband in hospital.

A 38-year-old man, Pang Shing, who was absent, had his bail of \$30 estreated.

Exemption application

Three old houses, Nos 125 to 127, Portland-street, Sham-shuipo, were the subject of an application for exemption before a Tenancy Tribunal this morning. The architect, Mr Au Yeung-kai, said the wooden joists supporting the floors and roof were affected by dry rot.

The applicant, Mr Lo Kin-wan, who is represented by Mr P. T. Yu, of F. Zimmern and Co., wants to replace the old buildings with a modern eight storey block to cost \$300,000. It would contain 20 flats with four shops on the ground floor.

There are 111 opponents of the application.

Mr W. A. Jones is President of the Tribunal, the other members being Mr D. Barrett and Mr Ernest C. Wong.

Murderers hanged this morning

Kwong Kwong, aged 33, who was convicted at the Supreme Court on November 25, 1960 of the murder of Chan Suet-fong and whose appeal to the Full Court was dismissed on January 6, 1961, was executed at Stanley Prison this morning.

Also hanged this morning was Cheng Oi, aged 47, who was convicted on December 22, 1960 of the murder of Chan Mei-ling and whose appeal to the Full Court was dismissed on January 31.

INDIAN WAS DRUNK

A 50-year-old Indian, Ali Shear, of 30 Shirley-street, was fined \$25 by Mr Derek Cane at Central Court this morning for being drunk in a public place.

Shear pleaded not guilty, claiming that he was sitting on a chair and was arrested by a policeman.

Traffic police constable Chi Tsi-chung testified about 9.30 pm yesterday he saw Shear crossing Queen's-road Central near Pedder-street in an unsteady manner. Vehicles had to brake to avoid hitting him.

Shear was also seen chasing women crossing the road and on the pavement.

He told Shear to behave himself but Shear ignored him and made a lot of noise, witnesses added.

Shear was later taken to Queen Mary Hospital and certified to be drunk.

From the Files

25 years AGO

March 1936

WIDESPREAD regret was expressed at the death which occurred at the War Memorial Hospital in the early hours of yesterday morning of Mr C. E. L. ("Peter") Grist, well-known solicitor of the firm of Wilkinson and Grist.

The deceased gentleman passed away after a brief illness from pneumonia. The late Mr Grist was admitted to practise at the Hongkong Supreme Court in January, 1928, and during his residence in the Colony he made a large circle of friends.

He was a son of Mr E. J. Grist who was admitted to practise in HK as far back as 1891 and who resided in the Colony for many years before his retirement in 1923.

That the population of Shanghai is rapidly nearing the four million mark was indicated recently when the census report of the Bureau of Public Safety, Greater Shanghai Municipality, was formally issued.

The census showed a population for the three municipal areas of 3,551,523. This is a gain of 135,523 over the previous year and Shanghai now ranks the fifth largest city in the world.

THE Colonial Secretariat issues the following communiqué: 'The Secretary of State for the Colonies has decided to appoint a commission to visit Hong-kong and Malaya to investigate the whole question of multi-racial in those territories and any surviving practices of transferring women and children for valuable consideration whether on marriage or adoption or in any other circumstances and to report to the Secretary of State on any legislative or other action which they may consider practicable and desirable in relation to these matters.'

The Commission will comprise: Sir Wilfrid Wentworth Woods, late Financial Secretary to the Government of Ceylon. Members: Miss Edith Pictou Turberville, MP, Mr Charles Armine Willis late of the Sudan Civil Service. The date of the commission's arrival is not yet known.



Lady Black at St Thomas's clinic this morning is seen feeding a little girl. On the right is Miss Ruth Wang.—China Mail photo.

Lady Black visits Kowloon Nursery

Special care and nourishment is being given to delicate and underweight children at St Thomas's Day Nursery at Shek Kip Mei, which Lady Black visited today.

Mrs Mary Howard, wife of the Vicar of Christ Church and Chairman of the Nursery with Matron Janet Tse of St Thomas' Clinic, welcomed Lady Black on arrival and introduced the voluntary workers, busy with the children.

Mrs J. H. Loch and Mrs. M. Baker were feeding vitaminised congee to some who were too apathetic to help themselves, while children who had been attending the nursery for six months or longer, were tucking away happily at the food provided.

Babies belonging to street sleepers and toddlers not responding actively to initial treatment, were sleeping in cots in another room.

Lady Black was told that the children go back each night to their parents, but after seven or eight months' when they have reached normal weight, they have to leave the nursery altogether to make room for a new child needing urgent attention.

During her tour of social service projects in Kowloon this morning Lady Black also visited the Hongkong School

for the Deaf on Diamond Hill where she met Miss Li Luk-wa, Principal of the School, and Miss Elizabeth Row, officer in charge of special classes sponsored by the Education Department.

The little deaf boys and girls in their bright uniforms gave a warm greeting to Lady Black who watched with interest the

specialised methods of teaching through vibrations and microphones.

A performance of the percussion band and of skilful Chinese dancing was applauded by Lady Black who also visited the workshop.

Before leaving Lady Black was given an embroidered traycloth made by a deaf girl.



MAN CHARGED WITH HOUSEBREAKING

Yuen Tak, a 31-year-old casual worker, was brought before Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Causeway Bay Court this morning on a charge of housebreaking with intent to commit a felony.

Tam Wai-man wife of the tenant of the apartment said that she was having her dinner at about 7.10 pm on March 4 when she heard sounds of a door being opened.

She looked through the open doorway of her room and saw the right shoulder of a man clad in a green coat through the partially opened main door. She went to the main door and on pulling it wide-open saw defendant standing outside.

When questioned by her the defendant denied that he was attempting to enter the flat and run away.

She called her husband who after a short chase caught the

defendant on the 3rd floor stairway, she added.

She and her husband then handed over the defendant to the caretaker, Chin Wo.

Mr K. A. S. Phillips visited the scene of the alleged crime to clarify the position of the doorways in the flat.

Hearing is to be continued this afternoon.

The defendant, Yuen Tak, of 42B, Block 4P, Wong Tai Sin Resettlement Estate, is alleged to have attempted to break into Flat A, No. 33 Javan-street, 9th floor, occupied by Chau Yui-fung and his wife Tam Wai-man, on March 4.

The defendant who pleaded not guilty is being defended by Mr D. B. Ganton, Det-Inspector H. V. Brown of Bayview Police Station is prosecuting.